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War Bill Thwarted In Senate

Democrats again fail to set cutoff date for Iraq funding

WASHINGTON | Anti-war Democrats in the Senate failed in an attempt to cut off funds for the Iraq war on Wednesday, a lopsided bipartisan vote that masked growing impatience within both political parties over President Bush's handling of the four-year conflict.

The 67-29 vote against the Democrats' measure left it far short of the 60 needed to advance. But more than half the Senate's Democrats supported the move, a marked change from last summer, when only a dozen members of the rank and



Feingold

file backed a withdrawal deadline.

"It was considered absolute heresy four months ago" to stop the war, said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wisc., author of the measure to cut off funds for most military operations after March 31, 2008. Nowhere was the shift more evident than among the Senate's Democratic presidential contenders.

For the first time, Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, Barack Obama of Illinois and Joe Biden of Delaware joined Sen. Chris Dodd in lending support to the notion of setting a date to end U.S. participation in the war.

Republicans voted unanimously against the measure. Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said it fixed a "surrender date" for the United States. DAVID ESPO (AP)

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BABIES | Family Planning Bubba Ludwig can't walk or talk — but he does have his very own Illinois gun permit. The IO-month-old was issued a firearm owner's identification card after his father, Howard Ludwig, paid the \$5 fee and filled out the



application, not expecting to actually get one. The card lists the baby's height (2 feet, 3 inches) and weight (20 pounds) and has a scribble where the signature should be. There are no age restrictions on the cards, an official said. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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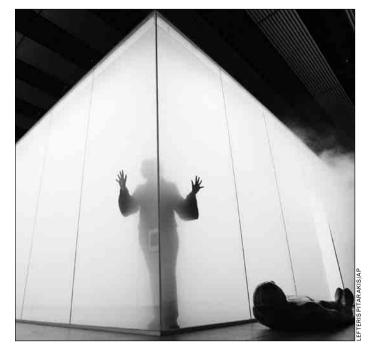
high postage prices rise. That appealed to a man who purchased \$8,000 worth of stamps this week in Camp Hill, Pa., the (Harrisburg) Patriot-News reported. That buys 19,512 stamps, according to the newspaper. "It's a really rare occurrence for someone to buy that many," said Mark Hnasko, a Postal Service spokesperson. And as a HOUSEWARMING

Welcome Wagon Has Odd Sense of Humor

A man making his first visit to a home he bought in a foreclosure auction found the former owner's mummi-

> fied body sitting on the living room couch, police said Tuesday. Coroners estimate the woman's remains had been there since 2001, when she stopped making payments on the residence in Roses, Spain. The body mummified partly because of the area's salty seaside air.

The woman, in her mid-50s, was estranged from her children, and no one had reported her missing. Authorities were surprised that bank officials who sold the residence never bothered to examine it. (AP)



Water's All, Like, 'You Call That Art?'

Antony Gormley's new Blind Light installation in London lures visitors into a reinforced glass box that then surrounds them in a cloud of bright, white fog. The artist describes the work at the Hayward Gallery as a "climatological and sociological experiment." (AP)



MONKEYS

The Pigeons of India

Several lawmakers criticized the Indian government in Parliament on Wednesday for failing to control the growing number of marauding monkeys in New Delhi. Battalions of simians have been damaging trees, uprooting plants, snatching food from children and terrifying passers-by, said K. Malaisamy. "In the name of protection of monkeys, we cannot afford to be silent spectators to this perennial problem." As forest cover has declined, the city has struggled with a growing monkey population. (AP)

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A humpback whale surfaces near the Port of Sacramento on Wednesday.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. **Humpback Whales Drift**

Far From Ocean Habitat

Worried about the health of a pair of humpback whales, marine experts on Wednesday were trying to determine what to do with them after their 90-mile river journey inland from San Francisco Bay. The whales surfaced Wednesday at the Port of Sacramento.

"We're going to see what we can do, if anything, to get them back out to the ocean," said Connie Barclay, a spokeswoman with the National Marine Fisheries Service. (AP)

CHICAGO

Officer Pleads Not Guilty To Bar Beating Charges

A police officer pleaded not guilty Wednesday to beating a female bartender and to threatening to arrest bar employees in a failed attempt to suppress a video of the attack that has been viewed by people around the world. In a brief hearing, Anthony Abbate's attorney entered not guilty pleas to all 15 felony counts against him. (AP)

Birds Decimated by West Nile Virus

Study finds common species are in decline all across the country

WASHINGTON | Birds that once flourished in suburban skies, including robins, bluebirds and crows, have been devastated by West Nile virus, a study found.

Populations of seven species have declined dramatically across the continent since West Nile emerged in the United States in 1999, according to a first-of-its-kind study. The research, to be published Thursday by the journal Nature, compared 26 years of bird breeding surveys to quantify what had been known anecdotally.

"We're seeing a serious impact," said study co-author Marm Kilpatrick, a senior research scientist at the Consortium of Conservation Medicine in New York.

West Nile virus, which is spread



The Eastern bluebird population has been dramatically declining because of the West Nile virus. The virus has been especially devastating to the American crow.

by mosquito bites, has infected 23,974 people in confirmed cases since 1999, killing 962, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But the disease, primarily an | LaDeau said. (AP)

avian virus, has been far deadlier for birds. The death toll for crows and jays is easily in the hundreds of thousands, based on the number dead bodies found and extrapolated for what wasn't reported, Kilpatrick said.

It hit the seven species — American crow, blue jay, tufted titmouse, American robin, house wren, chickadee and Eastern bluebird — hard enough to be scientifically signifi-

The hardest-hit species has been the American crow About one-third of the crows nationwide have been killed by West Nile, said study lead author Shannon LaDeau, a research scientist at the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center in Washington.

In some places, such as Maryland, crow loss was at 45 percent, and around Baltimore and Washington, 90 percent were gone,

S.C. Debates Weapons on Campuses

Lawmakers will vote on allowing concealed guns in public schools

COLUMBIA, S.C. | To prevent school shootings, some South Carolina legislators want more guns on campuses.

A House subcommittee approved a measure Wednesday that would



Rep. Jeff Duncan is sponsoring a bill that allows guns in South Carolina schools.

allow concealed weapon permit holders to carry guns onto public school campuses, from elementary schools to universities. Supporters say having armed gun owners in schools could prevent massacres like the shootings at Virginia Tech.

Only Utah currently has a law allowing concealed weapons on campuses.

"We're not talking about kids.

We're talking about responsible adults," said Republican Rep. Jeff Duncan, who sponsored the bill.

Opponents fear more guns will mean more accidental shootings and questioned whether colleges were an appropriate environment for guns.

"I'm concerned about more guns around younger people combined with emotions and sometimes alcohol," said Rep. Doug Jennings, a Democrat. "I don't think it's a proper reaction to the Virginia Tech tragedy." (AP)



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The marriage of Amy Zimmerman, left, and Tanya Wexler is valid in New York.

More Than 170 Gay Marriages Are Valid in N.Y.

BOSTON | The marriages of more than 170 gay couples from New York who wed in Massachusetts before last July are valid because New York had not yet explicitly banned same-sex marriages, a Massachusetts judge ruled.

Couples are barred from marrying in Massachusetts if their marriages would be prohibited in their home states. The New York Court of Appeals ruled against same-sex marriages on July 6, 2006.

"Just being able to say without any qualifications — 'we're married' — it feels great," said Amy Zimmerman, a New York City resident who married Tanya Wexler in Somerville on May 19, 2004, the third day same-sex weddings were allowed in Massachusetts. (AP)

Bank President Negotiating His Exit

Wolfowitz reportedly wants to resign from job on his own terms

WASHINGTON | Embattled World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz is negotiating an agreement to resign, according to an official familiar with the talks.

His departure would include an acknowledgment from the bank that he doesn't bear sole responsibility for the controversy surrounding a generous pay package for his girlfriend, the official said.

The negotiations took place as the bank's board deliberated Wolfowitz's fate Wednesday afternoon.

The official said Wolfowitz wanted the bank to accept some responsibility for conflicts of interest cited against him by a special bank panel. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the delicate state of negotiations at the bank, which uses loans and grants to fight



World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz has been under pressure to resign.

poverty around the world.

It was not clear whether the bank's 24-member board would accept Wolfowitz's terms. It is up to the board to decide what action should be taken in the matter.

Pressure on Wolfowitz to resign has grown since the bank panel report, released Monday, regarding his handling of the 2005 pay package of bank employee Shaha Rica

Wolfowitz has maintained that he acted in good faith. (AP)

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STUMPING ON SECURITY: Republican presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani speaks on Wednesday at Oglethorpe University. Giuliani said the greatest threat facing the world is terrorism and that Republicans are the best equipped to combat it.

Obama Ancestor Traced to Ireland

Everybody knows presidential hopeful Barack Obama is blessed with

the gift of the gab. Turns out it might be the Irish in him. The genealogy Web site Ancestry.com, claims one of Obama's ancestors—his great-



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great-great grandfather Fulmouth Kearney — was an immigrant from the heart of Ireland.

Obama has not commented on the finding. (AP)

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Yolanda King, the eldest child of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., died late Tuesday at age 51 in Santa Monica, Calif., a family spokesman said.

King's Daughter Yolanda Dies at 51

Child of civil rights leader was known for speeches, acting roles

ATLANTA | Yolanda King, Martin Luther King Jr.'s eldest child who pursued her father's dream of racial harmony through drama and motivational speaking, collapsed and died late Tuesday, a family spokesman said. She was 51.

Steve Klein, a spokesman for the King Center, said the family did not know the cause of death, though a heart problem is suspected.

Born on Nov. 17, 1955, in Montgomery, Ala., Yolando King was only a child during her father's crusade for civil rights.

"She lived with a lot of the trau-

ma of our struggle," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson. "The movement was in her DNA."

As an actress, she appeared in numerous films, including "Ghosts of Mississippi," and she played civil rights heroine Rosa Parks in the 1978 miniseries "King."

One of her father's close aides in the civil rights movement, the Rev. Joseph Lowery, said Wednesday he was stunned and saddened by the news of Yolanda King's death.

"Yolanda was lovely. She wore the mantle of princess, and she wore it with dignity and charm," Lowery said. "She was a warm and gentle person and was thoroughly committed to the movement, and she found her own means of expressing that commitment through drama." (AP)

Misplaced Flare Starts N.J. Wildfire

Firefighters in New Jersey kept an anxious eye on the weather Wednesday as they battled a massive wildfire that had consumed more than 20 square miles of brush and pine forest after a military jet dropped a flare on a bombing range.

"It was as close to hell on Earth as you'll ever experience in your life," said Bert Plante, a spokesman for the New Jersey Forest Fire Service.

No deaths or injuries had been attributed to the fire, but about a dozen homes were either dam-



Destroyed homes in Barnegat, N.J.

aged or destroyed, and about 2,500 homes were evacuated along the border between Ocean and Burlington counties. (AP)



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VEGGING OUT: Disney's latest China strategy doesn't involve Mickey. It's all about an enchanted vegetable. The company plans to release a Chinese-language movie, "The Magic Gourd," this summer — its first co-production with the state-run China Film Group.

In Brief



AU peacekeepers were airlifted to Kenya after being injured in Somalia.

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA Roadside Bomb Strikes Convoy, Kills 4 Peacekeepers

Aroadside bomb struck a convoy carrying African Union peacekeepers Wednesday, killing four peacekeepers in one of the deadliest attacks on the troops since they arrived in March, authorities said. The attack occurred just weeks after the Somali government declared victory over Islamic insurgents who have vowed to launch an Iraq-style guerrilla war unless the country becomes an Islamic state. (AP)

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA Rail Service Improvements Vowed After Commuter Riot

Argentinian President Nestor Kirchner on Wednesday threatened to crack down on private rail operators for failing to make needed upgrades after frustration over poor service boiled over into a riot at a major commuter station. Riders enraged by constant delays in train service to Buenos Aires' poor suburbs set fire Tuesday evening to parts of a station and clashed with riot police, who responded with rubber bullets and tear gas. (AP)

LAGOS, NIGERIA

Politician's Home Blown Up Amid Violence in Oil Region

Attackers blew up the country home of Nigeria's Vice President-elect Goodluck Jonathan with dynamite Wednesday, authorities said, as violence escalated in the country's oil-rich south. Militant groups making an array of demands, including a greater share of government oil revenues, have carried out bombings, kidnappings and protests since 2005. (AP)

Renewed Fighting Grips Gaza Strip

Israeli airstrikes add to mayhem as Hamas, Fatah continue to clash

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Israeli aircraft launched missiles at Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, killing at least five people, after Hamas fired rocket barrages into Israel in an apparent attempt to draw Israel into increasingly violent Palestinian infighting.

Hamas gunmen fatally shot six guards from the rival Fatah movement and mistakenly ambushed a jeep carrying their own fighters, killing five. In all, 16 Palestinians were killed in Palestinian infighting Wednesday — the bloodiest day since violence broke out in the Gaza Strip four days ago.

The streets of central Gaza City echoed with gunfire and were empty except for gunmen in black ski masks. Terrified residents stayed home from school and work.

At nightfall, Hamas announced its intention to begin observing a unilateral cease-fire, and President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah also called on the warring parties to hold their fire. However, similar truces the two previous evenings did not hold.

In four days of fighting, 41



BATTLE SCARS: A boy gazes from a window Wednesday over a pockmarked wall after overnight factional clashes in Gaza City.

PALESTINIANS TORN BY FACTIONAL VIOLENCE

A few background facts about the infighting roiling the Gaza Strip:

- → What are the main differences between Fatah and Hamas? Fatah, led for decades by the late Yasser Arafat, is a largely secular movement that carried out hundreds of attacks against Israel before signing a partial peace accord in 1993. Hamas is a fundamentalist Islamic resistance movement that does not accept a Jewish state in the Middle East. Fatah has a reputation for corruption, one of the main reasons for its election loss to Hamas.
- → What are the possible effects on Gaza residents? If the fighting continues, it could deteriorate into an all-out civil war. Both sides are heavily armed, drawing on weapons stocks replenished over the years through large-scale smuggling across the Egyptian border. That would plunge the already impoverished territory into extreme economic disarray. (AP)

people have been killed and dozens more have been injured — not including the dead from the Israeli airstrikes. Despite Israel's vow to stay out of the fray, its missile strikes added another layer of complexity to Gaza's mayhem and raised the specter of a large-scale Israeli invasion.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Wednesday Israel "cannot continue to restrain itself" in the face of repeated rocket fire by Palestinian militants. Sarah el Deeb (AP)

Sarkozy Foresees Change for France

Conservative officially assumes presidency from outgoing Chirac

PARIS | Nicolas Sarkozy took over France's helm Wednesday in a hurry to make good on pledges to restore order to violence-racked housing projects, to rev up the economy and to bring political enemies into a dramatically different government.

Change was the hard-talking, 52-year-old conservative's campaign watchword, and it was palpable in his first speech.

"Opposition to change has never been more dangerous for France in this world where ... everyone is push-



New French President Nicolas Sarkozy will name Cabinet ministers this week.

ing to change faster than the others, where any delay could be fatal," Sarkozy said after assuming the presidency from Jacques Chirac.

Chirac, 74, waved adieu to the Elysee Palace after 12 years marked by diplomatic authority abroad but failed reforms and social tensions at home.

Sarkozy names his prime minister Thursday, almost certainly ally and four-time minister Francois Fillon. As soon as Friday, France may have its new government, streamlined, revamped — and with about half the 15 ministers women.

It also may include rival Socialists, such as renowned humanitarian voice Bernard Kouchner, a cofounder of Doctors Without Borders and a former U.N. envoy to Kosovo, as foreign minister. (AP)

Armed Men Kill 4 Mexican Police

HERMOSILLO, MEXICO | A group of more than 40 armed men abducted and killed four Mexican policemen Wednesday about 20 miles south of the Arizona border, and the anti-kidnapping chief in another northern Mexico state was reportedly kidnapped.

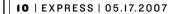
Sonora Gov. Eduardo Bours declined to speculate on a motive for the slaying of the four policemen in his state, but Mexico has seen a wave of attacks on police and military as the government battles drug trafficking gangs.

The bullet-riddled bodies of the police were found on a road hours after the kidnapping. (AP)



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World



A South Korean worker salutes to drivers preparing for Thursday's test run.

Korean Rail Line Set to Run Again

Test trip for defunct North-South train system back on track

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | It was New Year's Eve in 1950. Koreans were fleeing the Chinese advance in the North when American soldiers halted their train at the South Korean border — shooting bullets into its steam tank to prevent it from ever running again.

That ill-fated train was the last to try to cross the Demilitarized Zone that divides the peninsula, which has remained in a state of conflict since the 1953 cease-fire that ended the Korean War. On Thursday, two trains are expected to cross the border again in a highly symbolic test run seen as another step toward healing the wounds between the North and South.

The train test for two short rail lines will be the latest hole punched through the DMZ since the two Koreas embarked on an unprecedented reconciliation with their first summit in June 2000.

For South Korea, restoration of rail travel would help end its virtual island status, given that the only land route out is through North Korea. A rail link could reduce delivery costs for its export-driven economy.

The test comes with a price. The North agreed only after South Korea said last month that it would provide raw materials for making clothes, shoes and soap to North Korea — a project that Seoul nixed last year when the rail tests were called off by the North. Burt Herman (AP)



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YOU'RE TOPS: A veteran Sherpa guide scaled Mount Everest for a record 17th time Wednesday, beating his own previous record, mountaineering officials said. Apa, who goes by one name and is a highly respected mountaineer, reached the 29,035-foot summit with seven other Sherpas and a Western climber.



World

Mortar Rounds Pummel Green Zone

Bold attacks come as U.S. offers rewards for intel on missing troops

BAGHDAD | Mortar rounds hammered the U.S.-controlled Green Zone for a second day Wednesday, killing at least two people, wounding about 10 more and raising new fears about the safety of workers at the nerve center of the American mission in Iraq.

About a dozen shells crashed into the 3.5-square-mile area of central Baghdad at about 4 p.m., sending terrified pedestrians racing for the safety of concrete bunkers.

No American casualties were reported, and the two dead as well as most of the wounded were Iraqis, U.S. Embassy spokesman Lou Fintor said.



WATCHFUL EYE: A U.S. soldier patrols in a Humvee in Fallujah, Iraq, on Wednesday. Troops are continuing to search for three soldiers missing after a weekend ambush.

The latest attack on the Green Zone occurred as about 4,000 U.S. troops and 2,000 Iraqis continued to search for three U.S. soldiers feared captured by al-Qaeda during an ambush last weekend.

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander of U.S. troops south of Baghdad, said the U.S. was offering rewards of up to \$200,000 for information about the missing soldiers' whereabouts. Lynch said he was optimistic that the three soldiers would be found alive, and the search remained focused on the area where they went missing.

At least 88 violent deaths were reported by police across Iraq on Wednesday, including 32 people who died the night before when a car bomb exploded near a market in the Shiite enclave of Abu Saydah northeast of Baghdad. (AP)

In U.K. Reversal, Prince Harry Not To Deploy to Iraq

LONDON | Prince Harry will not be sent to Iraq, Britain's top army general said Wednesday, citing "a number of specific threats" from insurgents that expose the third in line to the throne and his regiment to an unacceptable degree of risk.

The 22-year-old prince, who had long dreamed of leading his tank unit in Iraq, said he is disappointed but respected the decision.

Gen. Sir Richard Dannatt, Army Chief of Staff, said the decision was due to specific threats to the prince and risks to his fellow soldiers.

Harry had been expected to deploy to Iraq in the next few weeks, but Dannatt said the situation there had become too dangerous, and media scrutiny of the plans had exacerbated the situation. (AP)



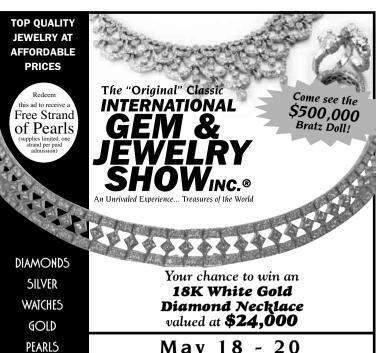


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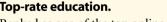
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Money

Amazon Joins Music Field

Web retailer will offer digital tracks without copyright restrictions

SEATTLE | Internet retailer Amazon.com said Wednesday it will launch a digital music store later this year featuring only songs without copyright-protection restrictions, so tracks can be played on anything from personal computers to Apple Inc.'s iPods or Microsoft Corp.'s Zune players.

Executives at the company said they decided to steer clear of digital-rights management technology, because consumers want to be able to listen to their downloads on any device they choose.

Bill Carr, Amazon.com's vice president of digital media, said the company believes its DRMfree strategy "is helping to pave the way for a much better, much more customer-centric experience in digital music."

Seattle-based Amazon.com did not say how much it will charge for music downloads, which will be sold a la carte rather than through a subscription service. Carr said Amazon.com has always focused on giving customers good bargains and hinted that music will be offered at various prices.

"We have a track record of being very competitive on price and offering very low prices to customers," Carr said in an interview. "There's not one or two or three price points on our CD store today — there are many, many different price points."

Amazon.com said its store will feature millions of songs from 12,000 labels, but announced only one of its partners: Britain's EMI Music Group PLC. Amazon.com said it would announce more labels when the service goes live but did not specify a launch date.

Last month, EMI agreed to let Apple sell tracks without the copyright-protection technology on its iTunes Music Store. The DRM-free tracks cost 30 cents more than copyright-restricted versions of EMI songs, which cost 99 cents per track. ELIZABETH M. GILLESPIE (AP)

In Brief

Warburg Pincus to Buy Eye Care Maker Bausch & Lomb

Warburg Pincus is buying Bausch & Lomb Inc., the eye care product maker beset by product recalls and accounting woes, for about \$3.67 billion in cash. Bausch & Lomb's share price rose 8 percent after Wednesday's announcement, exceeding the price tag the equity

firm agreed to pay and suggesting that investors may expect a rival bid for the 154-year-old company. The maker of contact lenses, ophthalmic drugs and vision-correction surgical instruments booked \$2.29 billion in sales in 2006, down nearly 3 percent from 2005. (AP)

WASHINGTON

John Adams Dollar Coin Ready to Make Public Debut

The second dollar coin in the new presidential series goes into circulation around the country on Thursday, with the U.S. Mint hoping it can turn 18th century statesman John Adams into a 21st century marketing phenomenon. After two famous dollar coin flops in Susan B. Anthony and Sacagawea, the U.S. Mint believes it now has the right strategy for success. The Mint's new formula has borrowed from the 50-state quarter program, the most popular coin program in history. Like the quarters, the dollar coins will feature changing designs — four new presidents each year in the order they served in office. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

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Milacron rs	6.37	43	-6.3	GoAmer	5.60	-1.33	-19.2		
Sothebys	45.13	-2.62	-5.5	AlancoTc rs	2.39	41	-14.6		
OmegaP	8.15	43	-5.0	WirRonin n	7.40	-1.06	-12.5		
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Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

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Canadian Dollar	1.1037	1.0982	1.1075
European Euro	.7396	.7357	.7780
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MitsuUFJ	10.97	11	-11.9
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The amount, in dollars, that a convicted rapist stole from two teens, which resulted in a 30-year prison sentence from an Anne Arundel County judge. Warren M. Griffin had previously served 26 years in jail for second-degree rape.

Local

HOT Lanes Approved for I-95, 395

High-occupancy/toll road prices will vary based on congestion

WASHINGTON | A project to expand carpool lanes in Northern Virginia and allow single drivers to use them for a fee cleared its latest hurdle Tuesday, when a regional transportation board approved the project.

The converted lanes on Interstates 95 and 395 will still be free to vehicles with three or more people. But vehicles with only one or two occupants will also be able to use the lanes if they pay a toll. The price of the high-occupancy/toll lanes, or HOT lanes, will vary based on the degree of congestion. The project also calls for adding another lane, bringing the total number of HOT lanes to three.

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board voted 23-4 with one abstention to include the project in the region's transportation plan. The vote came despite the fears of some commuters that the new lanes will disrupt the successful system of informal carpooling, known as slugging, that has sprouted up on that section of I-95 and I-395.

Proponents of the HOT lanes, which are being built under a public-private partnership, say harnessing market forces is the best way to improve traffic flow on one of the region's most congested routes.

HOT lanes have been hailed as a success in California and other states and are championed by the Bush administration. Transportation experts say they can reduce congestion more than traditional high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

But opponents say the HOV lanes that extend from Virginia's border with the District of Columbia to Prince William County are already successful and that tinkering with them will hurt carpoolers.

Some worry that, under the new system, paying drivers will clog up the fast lanes or that the road's operator will eventually demand a toll from HOV drivers as well.

SARAH KARUSH (AP)

Giant Food Stops Cough Medicine Sales to Minors

LANDOVER, MD. | Giant Food and three other supermarket chains on the East Coast will stop selling certain cough medicines to customers under age 18 because teenagers have abused the products.

Retail pharmacies in Giant stores will join other grocery chains owned by Royal Ahold NV beginning Sunday in restricting the sales of over-the-counter medicinescontainingdextromethorphan, also called DXM, a common ingredient in cough syrups, pills and lozenges. Among the products containing DXM are Robitussin Maximum Strength Cough Suppressant, Vicks 44 Cough Relief and Sucrets 8 Hour Cough Suppressant, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Five teenagers died in cases "that may be associated with the consumption of powered DXM," according to a Food and Drug Administration warning issued in 2005. (AP)

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PICK A PIE: Margie Benfield, left, of the Happy Bench in Bethesda waits while Kate Carlson, 9, right, decides on a pastry. Benfield is one of many Montgomery County store owners who are unsure of what the new ban on trans fats, which goes into effect in January 2009, will mean to their businesses.

❖ County Confusion: How strictly will the new ban be enforced? | Today's Metro

Smithsonian Official to Step Down

WASHINGTON | The head of the Smithsonian Institution's business unit is leaving the museum complex in September after seven years during which he expanded money-making initiatives to include a controversial television deal with Showtime Networks. Gary Beer announced Wednesday he would step down at

the end of his three-year contract. The decision comes after an inter-

The decision comes after an internal audit in January found business executives were being paid bonuses, even though they failed to meet financial targets. Beer came to the Smithsonian in 1999 as the founding chief executive of Smithsonian Business Ventures. (AP)







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- Suns coach Mike D'Antoni on two of his players being suspended by the NBA for Wednesday's game.



Sports

Bulls Steal Momentum From Detroit

After taking a 3-0 lead, Pistons have struggled to eliminate Chicago

NBA PLAYOFFS | Now, things could really get interesting.

The Chicago Bulls made a big statement when they routed Detroit 108-92 on Tuesday night, and the decibel level would jump again with a win Thursday night.

"At least we've made a series out of it," Bulls coach Scott Skiles said after Wednesday's film session.

After falling behind 3-0 to the Pistons, the Bulls will try to pull even when the Eastern Conference semifinal shifts back to Chicago for Game 6. No NBA team has won a best-of-seven series after dropping the first three games and only three have forced a Game 7 — the most recent being Portland against Dallas in the first round in 2003.

"They have some momentum right now," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. "They won in our building—shot the ball very well. We have to find a way to regain momentum. The first quarter is going to be huge."

The Pistons blew out the Bulls at The Palace of Auburn Hills in



 $\textbf{BALL CONTROL}: Pistons forward\ Antonio\ McDyess, right, fights for the\ ball\ with\ Chicago's\ Thabo\ Sefolosha\ during\ Game\ 5.$

Games 1 and 2, then rallied from 19 down to take Game 3 in Chicago. Many thought Detroit would then wrap it up in four or five games, but the Bulls had other ideas.

They built a big lead in Game 4 and withstood a push by the Pistons

in the fourth quarter on the way to a 102-87 victory. In Game 5, Ben Gordon scored 28 points, and Chicago fell just shy of an NBA record by shooting 72.2 percent in the first half before finishing at 57.3 percent for the game. "We just can't give them a consistent look, especially with a guard like Kirk who can shoot the ball and score behind the pick-and-roll," Billups said. "If you give him a steady dose of something he can figure it out and hurt you." ANDREW SELIGMAN (AP)

Nelson Is Unsure of His Future

Golden State coach says he will decide by July 1 whether to stay

NBA PLAYOFFS | Coach Don Nelson isn't sure he'll return to guide the Golden State Warriors through the next stage of their resurgence.

Nelson plans to decide by July 1 whether he'll be back for another

season with the Warriors, whose surprising playoff run ended Tuesday night with a second-round loss to the Utah Jazz. The defeat capped the fran-



Nelson

chise's first winning regular season and postseason berth since 1994.

"It's not a good time for me to make that decision," Nelson said Wednesday. "I think it was really important that I came here. I'm not so sure it's important that I stay on."

Although Nelson signed a threeyear contract to replace Mike Montgomery last August, he wants time to talk over his future with his wife, Joy, before committing to another year of the NBA grind.

Warriors fans shouldn't worry too much, however. Nelson said he plans to keep his entire coaching staff intact, and he spoke optimistically of the team's potential for improvement with a full year for the roster that finished the regular season 16-5 before flattening the Mavs. (AP)

BMW Oracle Trails Luna Rossa, 2-1

SAILING | Luna Rossa pinned BMW Oracle Racing to the left from the start Wednesday, then went on to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-nine Louis Vuitton Cup semifinals.

Desafio Espanol won the prestart for the first time in three races against Emirates Team New Zealand and held on to win its first race. The Kiwis, who were penalized for gybing too closely before the boats started on a split, lead the series 2-1.

Luna Rossa had lost to BMW Oracle at the finish line in the second flight Tuesday.

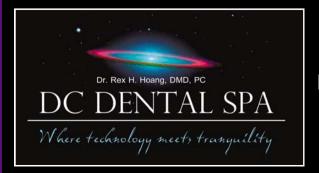


"We're still pretty happy with the way we sailed for the most part," BMW Oracle strategist Eric Doyle said. "They sailed as the conditions dictated."

The fourth flight of the series is scheduled for Friday. (AP)

The U.S.'s BMW Oracle Racing lost the third flight to Luna Rossa on Wednesday.

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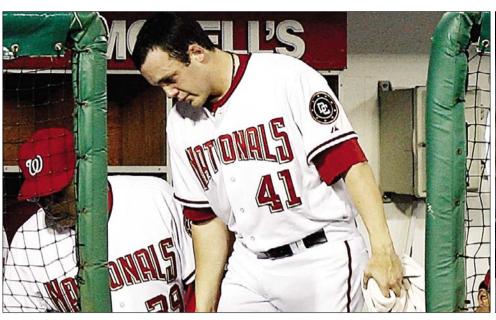
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BACK IN ACTION: The Capitals agreed to terms Wednesday with Nicklas Backstrom, the No. 4 overall pick in last year's draft. Backstrom was considered a major piece of the Capitals' rebuilding plans when they drafted him a year ago, but the 19-year-old center decided to remain in Sweden for another year.

Sports





LEAVING THE MOUND: Shawn Hill, left, heads into the locker room after straining his shoulder in Friday's game. John Patterson, right, leaves during the third inning on May 5.

Half-Full Nationals Stay Optimistic

W NATS NOTES

IF MANNY ACTA WEREN'T such an unapologetic optimist, things might be pretty dark in the Washington Nationals' clubhouse these days.

Try to find the silver lining in this cloud: In the span of two weeks, the rookie manager's No. 1 and 2 starters, John Patterson and Shawn Hill, were placed on the disabled list. On Wednesday, Jerome Williams joined them after straining his rotator cuff in the third inning of Tuesday's game against Atlanta. It was his first start since coming off the DL with an ankle injury.

Acta must have sipped from a half-full glass before facing the pre-

dictable questions from the media.

"Well, it just gives someone else an opportunity to come pitch at the big-league level and show what they can do," Acta said. "Someone will step up. We'll move forward."

Williams would have been a key component to surviving the absence of Patterson and Hill. He was hoping to right a season in which his record stands at 0-5. He had finally been feeling good.

"And now this?" said Williams, who has no history of shoulder injuries. "It's very frustrating. I don't know what's going on right now."

The Nationals on Wednesday called up left-hander Billy Traber from Triple-A to fill Williams' roster spot. Traber, who spent parts of last season with the Nats, had a 2.60 ERA in 10 games with Columbus, including two starts.

"Let's hope this is the end of it," catcher Brian Schneider said. "We can't keep losing starting pitchers."

Flores Flourishing

Backup catcher Jesus Flores wasn't expected to do much this season — just keep Brian Schneider's spot warm when the veteran needed a day off.

But Flores, a Rule 5 draft pick, is doing much more than that.

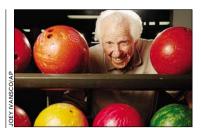
He's batting .321 with three doubles and five RBI. More importantly, Nationals starters have allowed three runs or fewer in five of Flores' seven starts, and he's thrown out 40 percent of opposing base stealers.

"He's a good kid," Schneider said.
"He's going to be very good."

Bergmann the Best

By the end of Jason Bergmann's flirtation with a no-hitter on Monday night, he was officially the toughest starting pitcher to hit in all of baseball. Opponents were hitting just .162 against the 25-year-old. The second and third pitchers on the list — Jake Peavy (.173) and Jason Marquis (.183) — both have five wins. Bergmann's eight-inning, one-run outing was his first victory of the season. Derek turner

Late game: The Nationals-Braves game ended after Express' deadline. For results | Today's Post, Sports



On Wednesday, Bill Hargrove became the oldest league bowler in U.S. history.

Man, 106, Is Oldest U.S. Bowler

BOWLING | Bill Hargrove took three small steps and dropped the ball at his feet with a loud clunk. While it rolled slowly down the lane, he held up his right arm in a camerafriendly pose.

Good form — especially for someone who's 106 and can't see what he's aiming at.

At a well-worn strip mall in suburban Atlanta, Hargrove became the oldest league bowler in U.S. history Wednesday. Leading off for "Bill's Bunch," he knocked down nine pins with his first throw and averaged 93 in the three-game match.

The United States Bowling Congress sent a representative all the way from Wisconsin to present Hargrove with a plaque. His minister came out. So did more than a dozen friends, who took turns posing for pictures with the man of the hour.

"I haven't really given it much thought," Hargrove said. "I just go with the punches." (AP)





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EYE ON THE BALL: A boy hits a baseball off a tee in Macedonia on Wednesday. The Vermont Lake Monsters, a Single-A affiliate of the Nationals, handed over uniforms, bats, balls and other equipment to Macedonia's first Little League-style organization to bring baseball to this Balkan country.

NATIONALS (I P.M. ON MASN) The Nats wrap up a four-game home series against the Braves with an afternoon game.

NBA PLAYOFFS (8 P.M. ON ESPN) After winning three straight to start the series, the Pistons are having trouble closing out the Bulls. Up 3-2, they'll try to advance in Game 6 at Chicago.

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS (9 P.M. ON VERSUS) The Red Wings are up 2-1 on the Ducks heading into Game 4 in Anaheim.

SOCCER (8 P.M. ON ESPN2) In weekly Thursday night soccer action, Chicago hosts Dallas.

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Baltimore	18	22	.450	9.0	12-8	6-14
Toronto	17	22	.436	9.5	11-11	6-11
Tampa Bay	16	22	.421	10.0	9-9	6-13
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The number of minutes it took for the first 40,000 tickets to the NFL's first regular season game outside North America to sell out. Remaining tickets will be sold in the U.S. within a week.

Ducks' Pronger Suspended

High hit will keep top defenseman out for Game 4 vs. Red Wings

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS | Anaheim defenseman Chris Pronger was suspended for one game by the NHL on Wednesday for his hit on Detroit's Tomas Holmstrom the previous night.

Pronger, a former Norris Trophy winner and a finalist for the award this year, will miss Game 4 of the Ducks-Red Wings series Thursday night in Anaheim. He leads the Ducks with 12 points, including three goals, during the playoffs.

"We disagree completely with [NHL disciplinarian] Colin Campbell's decision here. But we respect the process," Ducks general man-



Chris Pronger, right, was suspended for one game for this hit in Game 3.

ager Brian Burke said. "If you watch some of the other views, it looks like a dangerous, high hit. If you look at the end zone view. I think it shows best that Chris Pronger went to hit Tomas Holmstrom at a 45-degree angle from the boards.

"At no point is Chris delivering a hit toward the boards, a dangerous hit. He's coming in to finish a check at a 45-degree angle. Rob Niedermayer steps into the player [Holmstrom], pins him, you get a high finish."

Holmstrom had two goals and an assist in the Red Wings' 5-0 victory Tuesday night that gave them a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference finals. He had to leave the game midway through the second period to get 13 stitches to close two cuts on his forehead after Pronger and Niedermayer almost simultaneously slammed into him.

Niedermayer drew a major penalty for boarding and was ejected, but Pronger was not assessed a penalty on the play. (AP)

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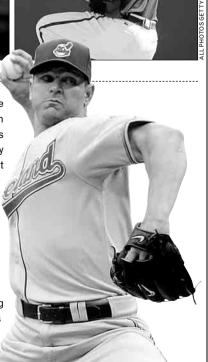




CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: RIVERA, GREGG, WICKMAN AND BOROWSKI

Best Bets: If JEREMY ACCARDO, the newly appointed Blue $Jays\,stopper, is\,still\,available, get\,him\,now\,because\,the\,B.J.\,Ryan$ express is derailed for a long time. The Braves' BOB WICKMAN's 3.97 ERA is misleading—the pitcher gave up earned runs in only two of his 13 appearances, and those two games came right before he landed on the DL. KEVIN GREGG of the Marlins will probably get the closing duties, thanks to Henry Owens' injury. The former Angel is loving the Nationals League and is having the best season of his career.

Not a Chance: Not many people realize how difficult it is to have both 12 saves and a 9.00 ERA, so let's have a round of applause for Indians closer JOE BOROWSKI. Yankees future Hall of Famer MARIANO RIVERA looks like he might be running out of steam, though he's given up just one earned run over his last six outings. Of course, he has a pithy three saves. You have to wonder how much leeway the Astros are going to give DAN WHEELER, who has given up homers in three of his last four appearances, SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)



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Sports



GOOD BREAK: Vikings first-round draft pick Adrian Peterson will not need surgery to repair a broken left collarbone. Team doctors said Wednesday the injury was healing on its own.

Street Sense Is Favored

Derby winner gets 7-5 odds to win Preakness out of the No. 8 post

HORSE RACING | Street Sense was made the 7-5 favorite for Saturday's Preakness, and a victory by the Kentucky Derby winner would set up a Triple Crown shot three weeks later in the Belmont Stakes.

A field of nine 3-year-olds was entered Wednesday, with Street Sense drawing the No. 8 post position for the 1 3/16-mile race at Pimlico Race Course.

Street Sense is coming off a 2 ¼-length win in the Derby two weeks ago, thanks to jockey Calvin Borel's brilliant, rail-hugging trip against 19 rivals.

There won't be as much traffic to navigate this time. Street Sense, a son of Street Cry, seems poised to dispatch a field that includes Derby runner-up Hard Spun, third-place finisher Curlin and Circular Quay, who finished sixth.

Also entered were CP West,



Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense arrives at Pimlico racetrack on Wednesday.

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Hard Spun, who will be ridden by Maryland's leading jockey, Mario Pino, was the second choice at 5-2. The colt trained by Larry Jones drew the No. 7 post - the same post that Street Sense came from to win the Derby.

"It was a good number for the | five of the last six times. (AP)

Derby, so, hopefully, it will work for the Preakness," Jones said.

Curlin, beaten for the first time in the Derby after three overpowering victories, was the third choice at 7-2, and leaves from the No. 4 post. Circular Quay, the Louisiana Derby winner, was 8-1.

Preakness favorites have won



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Entertainment

Addicted to Clean A

Ozzy Osbourne has developed an environmental jones

MUSIC | Who would athunk it: Ozzv Osbourne, environmentalist?

But here it is on "Black Rain" (Epic), the self-proclaimed "Prince of Darkness" morphing into Defender of the Planet on "God Bless the Almighty Dollar," in which the Oz Man rails against corporate America and government con-

spiring to sell out the Earth and rape the environment. A surprising message, particularly given the amount of toxins Ozzy has polluted his own body with over the years, but it does sound sincere.

On his first solo studio album in

six years, Ozzv shows the influence of recent reunion tours with Black Sabbath on a disc that sounds





POLLUTED: The Prince of Darkness (and plastic surgery) is concerned about toxins.

like a cross between "Supernaut"era Sabbath and Osbourne's 1991 solo opus, "No More Tears."

It's big, beefy and bassy throughout, and laden with Zakk Wylde guitar chunks. Ozzy seems a little too fond of singing through a megaphone effect on this disc, though.

Meanwhile, it's a rare artist who can pull off a song that you can bang your head to while your girlfriend dances to it, but Ozzy succeeds on "I Don't Wanna Stop," an ode to his illustrious career set to an infectious beat, adorned with molten guitar riffs and pounding bass.

"Black Rain" is not the best album Ozzy's ever done, but it's far from the worst. WAYNE PARRY (AP)

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Entertainment



Lino Ventura in a newly restored edition of the French classic "Army of Shadows."

'Pan's Labyrinth' and 'Army of Shadows' are WWII dazzlers

DVD | Two foreign language films set during World War II that dazzled critics last year - "Pan's Labyrinth" and "Army of Shadows" - made their DVD debuts Tuesday with spectacular two-disc sets for the discerning cineaste.

Mexican director Guillermo del Toro's gothic fairy tale, the Oscarwinning "Pan's Labyrinth," which takes place in the oppressive Fascist Spain of 1944, revolves around a sensitive young girl (Ivana Baquero) who escapes from the brutality of the life around her through an eerie fantasy world.

The two-disc set of "Pan's" features thought-provoking extras, including inspired documentaries on the lengthy conception of the project, the creation of the faun and the fairies, and the use of color in the film to show the difference between the real world and the fantasy universe. Also included is an installment of PBS'"The Charlie Rose Show," which features del Toro; pages from del Toro's notebook with explanations from the filmmaker, and production sketches. Del Toro also offers a video prologue to the film and sharp and incisive commentary.

Jean-Pierre Melville's soaring "Army of Shadows" made numerous 10-best lists and received the best foreign language film award from the New York Film Critics Circle. "Army of Shadows," long considered one of the masterpieces of Melville's career, took 37 years after its release in France to make its way to the United States. Lino Ventura, Paul Meurisse, Jean-Pierre Cassel and Simone Signoret star in this haunting tale of the French Resistance in Nazi-occupied France during World War II.

Extras include interviews with cinematographer Pierre Lhomme, who supervised the high-definition digital transfer of the 2004 restoration, and editor Francoise Bonnot; archival video excerpts of on-set footage, as well as interviews with Melville, cast members and real resistance fighters; a 2006 French documentary on Melville and the film; and a 1944 documentary short "The Journal of the Resistance," narrated by Noel Coward, that was shot on the front lines during the final days of German occupation. SUSAN KING (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

48 MORE HOURS: Despite criticism from some corners of geekdom for the current season's plot, "24" was renewed for two more seasons by Fox. Star Keifer Sutherland is already signed through 2009, so you can count on Bauer being there.



Television

ON TV TONIGHT

C'MON DOWN, ONE LAST TIME

BOB BARKER: A CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS ON TELEVISION (8 p.m., CBS) focuses on the three and half decades he has been associated with "The Price Is Right."

EMPLOYEE REVIEW & INTERVIEW

Michael, Jim and Karen compete for a corporate job; Dwight takes charge as only he can on the one-hour season finale of **THE OFFICE** (8 p.m., NBC).

WORKING UP TO AN 'UGLY' ENDING

Feelings between Betty and Henry intensify as Wilhelmina schemes and Daniel spirals downward on **UGLY BETTY** (8 p.m., ABC). Kristin Chenoweth and Gina Gershon guest-star.

SUPERMAN TAKES ON LEX'S PAPA Clark takes on Lionel to avenge his threat to Lana on SMALLVILLE (8 p.m., CW).



'SCRUBS' OR TELENOVELA? J.D. pines for Elliot even as Kim carries his baby.

THE SEASON'S LAST VOICEOVER J.D. and Elliot mull their romantic futures

on **scrubs** (9 p.m., NBC). **WEDDING DAY FINALE**

Cristina and Burke's big day arrives on **GREY'S ANATOMY** (9 p.m., ABC).
KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Thursday Traffic

The fifth night of the week remains TV's most congested

MUST SEE | As this TV season closes, Thursday night remains the most popular and competitive evening of the week.

"CSI" and "Grey's Anatomy" remain two of the most popular shows on television. "Ugly Betty" and "Shark" were among the most successful new launches of the year. Last week, CBS beat ABC in total viewers for the night, but ABC won the most viewers age 18 to 49.

NBC came in fourth in total



"YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK IF ..." you watched "5th Grader" & skipped "Earl."

viewers and third in the 18 to 49 viewers. To put NBC's plight in gruesome perspective, more viewers watched a 90-minute version of "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" on Fox than the season finale of "My Name Is Earl" and regular episodes of "The Office" and "Scrubs." Despite such a lackluster showing, NBC has committed to its existing Thursday-night schedule for next fall: "Earl," "30 Rock," "The Office," "Scrubs" and "ER."

I admire NBC for sticking by "Earl," "Office" and "Rock," but the network must be banking on the fact that their comedies remain popular among DVR operators and Internet downloaders. Because when "5th Grader" beats you, you're no longer competitive in a broadcasting sense.

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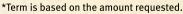
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Sports

In the field of stadium care, the fake grass is always greener

For Jon Pritchett, reviving AstroTurf has been like raising the dead.

The brand name synonymous with artificial grass fell on hard times in 2004, when the company that made a surface that added "turf toe" and "rug burn" to the sports lexicon went bankrupt. It was even declared DOA on a headstone in an advertisement run by industry leader FieldTurf.

Pritchett is trying to bring Astro-Turf back to life.

"Everything you know about AstroTurf is history," he said.

His company, GeneralSports Venue LLC, acquired the North American rights to the AstroTurf name late last year. His challenge is to level the playing field in the sports-surfacing game, turning AstroTurf from a reviled brand into one that represents the new technology of artificial playing surfaces that look, play and feel like real grass.

"There's a legacy there. There's a legacy of being the original innovator, creating the category," Pritchett said. "There's also a negative association in that because it's such a strong name and the technology didn't change for so long."

The artificial surfaces in present-day stadiums look and feel much more like grass than the original AstroTurf, an abrasive, bright-green knitted nylon carpet that was created near Raleigh in the 1960s and got its name following its debut in the Astrodome in 1966.

For more than 30 years, it was a tolerated staple of major league baseball and the NFL, saving teams money in landscaping while ruining players' knees and ankles.

Except in field hockey, that turf technology is nearly extinct today



IMPROVEMENT: Workers roll out a row of AstroTurf at Nicholls State University while Chris Plunket, left, inspects the fake grass. Turf has made major strides recently.

— the last old-school AstroTurf surfaces in pro baseball and football were ripped up in 2005. Idaho was the only Division I-A football team with it last season, and the Vandals plan to remove it this summer.

The new style of fake turf is based on a sea of polyethylene fibers that simulate blades of grass, surrounded by infills largely composed of rubber granules, creating a soft cushion that behaves like a grass field. The system was developed by Canada-based FieldTurf Tarkett Inc., which holds about a dozen patents for installation techniques and specific field recipes.

Installing an average football field typically costs \$300,000 to \$500,000 and doesn't include preparing the field's base. All three major league baseball teams with artificial turf have FieldTurf surfaces, as do nine of the 13 NFL teams with a synthetic field. FieldTurf installed nearly two-thirds of the fields for the 63 Division I-A college football teams that will play on artificial surfaces this season.

FieldTurf chief executive John

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JOHN GILMAN, FIELDTURF

Gilman said his company's revenues should exceed \$200 million this year, a fourfold increase from 2000.

"Being No. 1 just means that you've got all the little guys ... taking potshots at you and trying to get the ear of a client or put some false information in their ear," Gilman said. "The best showcase you have is the field you put in the ground."

Its main competitors include Sportexe, SprinTurf — and the new AstroTurf. The products are similar, with subtle differences that range from the length and composition of the fake blades to the amount of infill, and whether the infill is composed of rubber, sand or a mix of both.

"A lot of these products are performing very similarly as far as heat, as far as athlete performance, hardness, traction, abrasion," said turf expert Andy McNitt, an associate professor of soil science and turfgrass at Penn State. "There are no great big differences among them."

Before the previous manufacturer of AstroTurf, Texas-based Southwest Recreational Industries Inc., filed for bankruptcy and went out of business in 2004, it had developed a similar surface called AstroPlay. It was so similar that FieldTurf unsuccessfully sued for patent infringement; a confidential settlement later was reached.

AstroPlay is now one of Astro-Turf's products, called Gameday Grass, and is made by Textile Management Associates, a Dalton, Gabased company that partnered with GeneralSports to market and sell the product. GeneralSports signed Archie Manning as a spokesman for AstroTurf and relaunched the brand in December.

"It's kind of what we call 'Operation: Takeback," Pritchett said. "It's a ground war of hand-to-hand combat, face-to-face salespeople, and we expect it will take a period of time to gain back that ground."

JOEDY MCCREARY (AP)



Simmering Movement

Food

Chefs try to make U.S. into a slow-food nation with festival

In a country of drive-thru dinners and 30-minute meals, cuisine can be more fraught than haute. So, advocates of the "slow food" movement are planning what they bill as a "World's Fair of food" next year.

"The challenge, the game, truly begins here in America," said Carlo Petrini, the Italian founder of the "slow food" movement that emphasizes a return to regional traditions and home cooking from local, sustainably grown ingredients. "The country which invented fast food can propose slow food."

Petrini, who spoke through an interpreter, and Alice Waters, doyenne of California cuisine, were in San Francisco earlier this month at the waterfront veg-

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be an exciting moment, because excitement is not really what slow food is all about."

ALICE WATERS, RESTAURATEUR

etarian restaurant Greens to announce Slow Food Nation. a four-day event planned for next May in San Francisco. The event, which Waters compared to a World's Fair, will include taste workshops, a food film festival, a sustainable fish barge, a demonstration school garden and world food stands.

The goal, said Waters, founder of the renowned Chez Panisse restaurant in Berkeley, is capitalizing on the interest people are showing in what's on their plate and how it got there.

"In a way, this shouldn't be an exciting moment, because excite-



Greens Restaurant executive chef Annie Somerville works on slow-cooked dishes.

ment is not really what slow food is all about," Waters said with a smile, "but there is a marvelous urgency about what we're doing today."

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, who promised with a laugh that he has "every intention" of being mayor (he's running for re-election this November) when the conference takes place, wholeheartedly endorsed the event

"This is a big deal and a big movement around the world," Newsom said. 'It seems only appropriate that we bring this movement to a whole new level here in San Francisco next vear."

Petrini, on tour for his book Slow Food Nation," founded the movement in 1986 in response to a McDonald's opening in Rome. It now claims a worldwide membership of more than 80,000.

The idea is that food should be good, clean and fair, meaning it's tasty and grown in an environmentally sustainable fashion by workers who are paid and treated fairly.

Waters said interest in food has never been higher, with many seeing food as a common language.

Food, she said, is in peoples' minds as "a source of joy and health and also as an expression of our politics and of our hopes for a better world." MICHELLE LOCKE (AP)

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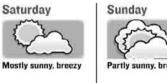










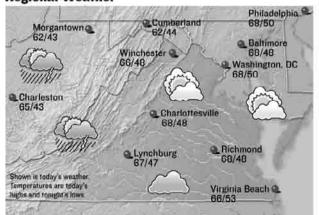






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Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m	0.00*
Month to date	0.97°
Normal month to date	1.93"
Year to date	13.01"
Last year to date	10.63"
Normal year to date	14.14"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, cooler. High 68. Wind north IO-20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, Low 50. Wind north-northeast 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:54 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:15 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:05 a.m.
Moonset today	9:56 p.m.









World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	c
Atlanta	76/50/pc	72/48/s	A
Boston	56/44/c	53/46/r	A
Chicago	63/39/s	72/49/s	В
Dallas	79/58/pc	78/56/pc	B
Denver	76/48/pc	83/52/t	C
Honolulu	86/73/pc	86/72/s	0
Los Angeles	73/56/pc	73/58/pc	G
Miami	85/74/t	86/71/t	N
New York City	65/47/pc	59/49/r	F
Orlando	87/68/t	85/64/pc	S
Seattle	66/48/pc	64/49/c	T

National Cities

National Weather for Thursday, May 17

etact	Today	Fri.
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Amsterdam	60/54/pc	68/54/pc
Athens	84/63/pc	72/55/r
Berlin	59/45/sh	68/45/s
Buenos Aires	61/43/s	61/46/s
Calgary	71/45/pc	55/40/c
Dublin	68/50/pc	61/46/sh
Geneva	54/46/r	70/48/pc
Moscow	68/55/pc	79/51/pc
Rome	72/55/pc	77/54/s
Sydney	74/63/pc	70/61/r
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64/49/c | Tokyo

Styles





Company wants a national standard for earthy ingredients

What, exactly, is "natural"? Burt's Bees wants the cosmetics industry to decide.

Burt's, the beauty brand that emphasizes botanicals instead of chemicals, is launching a campaign to come up with a national standard to define "natural" as a category of cosmetics.

With the exception of products that make health care claims, the cosmetics industry is largely a self-policing business that allows individual companies to decide what goes in their products and how they will be labeled. With an evergrowing awareness of health and environmental concerns, though, more and more beauty products now come with claims they are "natural." But no one agrees on what that means.

Under the "Greater Good" campaign, Burt's Bees proposes to partner with its competitors to define that term, deciding which ingredients would be ruled in or out and whether there would be some wiggle room for small amounts of synthetics, Mike Indursky, the company's chief marketing and strategic offi-

Nature Natural

cer, said Tuesday. He planned to present the proposal at the Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability conference in Los Angeles on May 16.

More products claim they are "natural" — but what does that mean?

Indursky said he is already working with the Natural Products Association, a trade association, to develop a standard that could result in a seal products could earn.

Burt's Bees' products must contain 95 percent natural ingredients, he said.

"Sometimes it is impossible to manufacture something 100 percent natural," Indursky said. "We say a synthetic can be used only if there is no viable natural option and if the synthetic has no human health risk."

Other groups are keeping watch on beauty products as well.

The Environmental Working Group has given its third update in three years to its Skin Deep Cosmetics Safety Database. The site looks at 25,000 products, listing their ingredients and associated hazards. It assigns an overall ranking based on those individual

ingredient scores.

Many products contain ingredients that get low risk ratings, but the products still receive a high risk rating overall. That's because risks are weighed cumulatively.

"Natural" ingredients are not exempt from scrutiny.

Who's really natural?

(1) Aveda's Eye Definer is mainly floral waxes. (\$12, aveda.com)

(2) Lush's Marathon Bar, though, has sodium laureth sulfate. (\$6, lush-usa.com) (3) Burt's Bees' Color Keeper shampoo is pure plant. (\$8, burtsbees.com) (4) The citrus-

smelling Lip Tint from Aveda is made

from organically grown flowers. (\$11)

Jane Houlihan, vice president for research at the Environmental Working Group, cautioned that even natural products are not without risks.

"Not all natural ingredients are good for you — think of poison ivy, hemlock, drugs that come from nature," Houlihan said. "What's important is that whether ingredients are from natural sources, petroleum, mines or animals, they should be tested before they're sold, so we have the insurance of safety. And that's not what we have now."

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Beauty



Everything's Coming Up Roses! Like, a Lot!

Here's what we loved about the new ANNICK GOUTAL EAU SPLENDIDE BODY WATER (\$89, Barney's New York, 212-826-8900). It was incredibly cooling and refreshing, so much so that we enjoyed spraying ourselves in the face with it. It was an instant boost, like espresso in liquid form. Well, liquid-you-spray-on-your-face form. We also liked that it smelled like real roses, not something synthetic called, like, roseythene. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty

Slim and Shiny

We succumb to the siren song of MAC Lipglass more than we'd care to admit. We love the shine,



but we always forget about the sticky factor until our hair is clinging to our lips like a follicular parasite. Today, though, we rejoice: The new **SLIMSHINE** (\$14.50, maccosmetics.com) is a high-shine lin color that's sheer, shiny and entirely free of adhesive properties. Do not be afraid of the color: Our favorite, Pink d'Lush, is scary-fluorescent in the tube but goes on sheer and rosy. K.P.K.



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IDOL CHATTER

It Takes Two

Blake, Jordin and Melinda faced off on Tuesday, each tackling three songs in an attempt to earn a coveted spot in the "American Idol" finals. On Wednesday night, the people spoke. Did they decide to beatbox with Blake, or will the season end with dueling divas? Express' Greg Barber has a recap. | COMING UP



Restaurant Rammys

The Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington has released its nominees for the 2007 Rammy Awards. Voting doesn't start until Sunday, and the award show is more than a month away, but check out readexpress.com to see who could take home a shiny food trophy. | COMING UP

BAGGAGE CHECK

Divorce Decline

 $Dr.\,Andrea\,Bonior\,is\,wondering\,why\,breakups\,are\,so\,trendy$ these days, "Why is it so outre to admit that the majority of marriages make it? Why does no one seem to believe that people may be more dedicated to making their marriages work?" Get the rest at readexpress.com | ONLINE NOW



comment board

Virginia, hands down! They don't know the rules of the road. Although Maryland and D.C. [drivers] drive too fast, if they are cautious enough or not causing anyone but themselves danger, [they] don't

COMMENTER ANONYMOUS, RESPONDING TO WEDNESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WHO HAS THE WORST DRIVERS IN THE D.C. AREA?



Maryland is definitely the worst. I moved down from Buffalo a year ago, and the first thing that I noticed is that Maryland drivers do not use their directional [turn signal]. I think there must be a state law prohibiting it.'

COMMENTER ANONYMOUS, WHO ADDED "JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE IT ON DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO LET YOU IN.'

poll center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should Maryland legalize slot machines?

1. Yes

2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Who has the worst drivers in the D.C. area?

AS OF 5 P.M. WEDNESDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.

1. D.C.: 19%

2. Maryland: 32%

3. Virginia: 25%



"[G]o to your smoky bars, eat McDonald's until you're so fat you can't move. But don't expect us to pay for your diabetes care."

A COMMENTER AT BLOG.WASHINGTONPOST.COM/RAWFISHER, THE BLOG OF WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST MARC FISHER, ON THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY TRANS-FAT BAN APPROVED TUESDAY.



"The lesson? We need to focus on bringing up the inefficient rear as much or more than we work on pushing the high-mileage edge."

SOLARKISMET.WORDPRESS.COM SAYS THAT TO INCREASE FUEL EFFICIENCY IN THE U.S., SOCCER MOMS NEED TO BUY MORE FUEL-EFFICIENT MINIVANS AS WELL AS PROMOTE HYBRID CARS.



TAKING GOLF CLUBS on Metro

is not as strange of an experience as I had hoped. I got a few funny looks, but they passed quickly. Only one man made a comment and not a very witty one. Something to the effect of 'Where were you golfing downtown?'"

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EXPECTED COMMUTERS TO FIND GOLD CLUBS IN TRANSIT SOMEWHAT INTRIGUING

"I'VE BEEN WONDERING what

everybody in the condo market was thinking, doubling the supply every year while also doubling the price. I mean, \$700,000 for some granite counter tops in a neighborhood you wouldn't have parked in five years ago?"

COMPFUTURES.TYPEPAD.COM REACTS TO NEW FIGURES SHOWING A WEAKENING MARKET FOR CONDO CONVERSIONS.

"PLUS, there's still grad school to think about. And we hear the University of Phoenix online is the new Johns Hopkins!"

JOSSIP.COM SKEWERS PARENTS QUOTED IN A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ABOUT HOW THEIR KIDS CAN'T GET INTO COMPETITIVE IVY LEAGUE SCHOOLS FOR UNDERGRAD.

Live Online

The Inside Dish

Post food critic TOM SIETSEMA was online Wednesday and talked about finding a kid-friendly restaurant in town and where to go for good service — if it still exists in D.C.

I need to take my niece to a kidfriendly place in the Dupont Circle area, and I'm looking for somewhere that the adults can enjoy as well — something besides pizza and burgers. Any ideas?

It's quite new, but Circa at Dupont has just about everything you're wishing for: a range of options (including pizza), 20 wines by the glass, gentle prices, a friendly staff and sidewalk seating. Bonus: Circa is also short stroll from the Dupont Metro station (in the former Wrapworks space).

What is the one food/wine magazine you would recommend for a person who loves eating, cooking, dining out and entertaining?

I don't think there's a single publication that gives me everything I want. If it means anything, I tend to hang onto most issues of "Cook's Illustrated." It's a great guide: practical, thorough, reader-friendly, sometimes surprising.

What happened to really great ser-

vice? Why isn't there any in D.C.? Is it really that hard to manage a bunch of waiters? I love great food and the city has some, but the lack of service turns me off.

Good service still exists in Washington, but I agree that it isn't exactly abundant. Komi, 1789, Marcel's, Cashion's Eat Place and the Prime Rib are among local restaurants that know how to pamper; the list of those establishments that don't - including a lot of newcomers on the scene — is much, much longer.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE:

"Lost" blogger Jen Chanev sits in during Liz Kelly's regular Celebritology to discuss theories about the series at 2 n.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline.



MAKE SURE BARBARO LIVES FOREVER. As this year's best horses descend on the Preakness, it's time to take one last look back at the champion injured a year ago in Baltimore. Buy hats and Beanie Babies and read a tribute poem (http://www.horsehats.com/Barbaro.html). It's like he never died.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*



Bob landed in Hell. And to make matters worse, they lost his luggage.

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

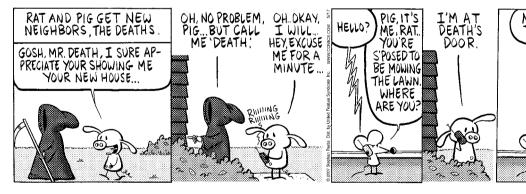








Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's time to set aside any kind of bias or prejudice and iump into a new situation with an open mind and a willingness to have fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take time out to relax and think back over the past few days or weeks. You can restore your energy simply by letting things hapnen without you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The consequences of your actions will become all the more apparent to you, and you may be compelled to break a few bad habits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can accomplish much when you set your mind to it—and when you actually accept your own limitations. You mustn't procrastinate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be discreet, and don't give away your plans prematurely. The wrong remark to the wrong person might very well ruin things for you. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't be so quick to get annoyed with friends or family members. Remember, we all have our idiosyncrasies, and we all must deal with them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't let quick reactions to things give away all you're really thinking. Some things are best kept secret for now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Trial and error is the only way you'll know for sure just what works for you — particularly when dress or appearance are concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unusual behavior will be recognized as something quite different—and may actually lead to remarkable rewards. Experiment freely. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What you are facing is not a test; be willing to take even the most improbable developments

quite seriously at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You've been following someone else's suggestions for long enough; it's time to get to that special list you've made up for yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Despite what you've been told, there is a far greater chance for you to prevail in a current struggle than usual. Luck and timing are friends.

Letters

Falwell Was Divisive Figure

THE EXPRESS PIECE on the Rev. Jerry Falwell's passing ("Falwell Merged Piety With Politics," May 16) was too rosy. Readers should know this "Christian" was a bigot who supported apartheid in South Africa and segregation in the U.S., and who blamed gay people for Sept. 11. His legacy is one of hate, exclusion and division.

He was a national disgrace, and if there's a heaven, he surely wouldn't pass the entrance exam.

> -SHAWN HUNT $Takoma\ Park, Md.$

Correction:

Wednesday's paper incorrectly reported that the book discussion "A Conversation with Michael Chabon" was scheduled for Wednesday. May 16. It's actually scheduled for Wednesday, May 23 at the Politics and Prose bookstore. Call (202) 408-3100 for prices and more information.

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Today in History

The New York Stock Exchange originates as a group of brokers met under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.

Aristides wins the first Kentucky Derby. The U.S. Supreme Court hands down its Brown v.

Board of Education of Topeka decision, which found that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal, and, therefore, unconstitutional.



The McCartneys split today in 2006.

▶ It is announced that Paul McCartney and his second wife, Heather Mills McCartney, have agreed to separate.



LOOK People



Ghandi had the very same issues.

ONLY HUMAN

Bono Halts Nobel Campaign For Brief Fit of Complaining

BONO is embroiled in a flap over fireplaces at his Manhattan apartment building. He told co-op board members that smoke from other residents' fireplaces is wafting into his penthouse. "Bono was so nice," said Leni May, wife of a board member. "He said, 'Listen, whatever I can do to get these things working, but it's emptying into my apartment and I can't have smoke like that." (AP)

QUIET

Kathy Hilton Can't Wait For Those 45 Days of Peace

KATHY HILTON hopes young people will learn from her 26-year-old socialite daughter, Paris, who is



facing 45 days in jail for violating her probation. "We can only hope that something positive will come

from all of this. Hopefully, young people who look up to people like Paris will learn from this," Hilton said in a statement read Wednesday on ABC's "The View" by co-host Barbara Walters. (AP)



TIMING

'Don't Propose Till The Upfronts, OK?'

KATE WALSH has plenty of reasons to celebrate this week. ABC announced that she'll star in a "Grey's Anatomy" spin-off in the fall, and the 39-year-old actress told Us Weekly magazine Tuesday that she's engaged. "It happened a few days ago," Walsh said of her engagement to Alex Young, a studio executive. "I'm on cloud nine." "Private Practice" takes her "Grey's Anatomy" character, Dr. Addison Shepherd, from Seattle and moves her to Los Angeles. (AP)

PUNCTUATION Deepest

Thoughts Missing Several Apostrophes "Don't Read!! Per-

sonall," warns the diary. But its author, ANNA NICOLE SMITH,

has no hold in death on the remnants of her life. The public now can discover that she was delighted by rough sex, ecstatic over breast augmentation, and fearful of a jealous boyfriend. Copies of 60 diary Let it be said: She lived her life with nary a contraction.

pages were provided to the AP by Universal Rarities; the diaries were purchased from a memorabilia shop by a group of investors. One

entry begins, "I'm a very sad person." Smith goes on to write that "my mom hates me so much. She is so jealous of me. ... I love my mom but I cant handle it anymore." (AP)

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The Great Wall of China. South America. Many, many oceans. Beyonce.

ASTRONOMY

Beyonce's Perfection So Vast, It's Visible From Space

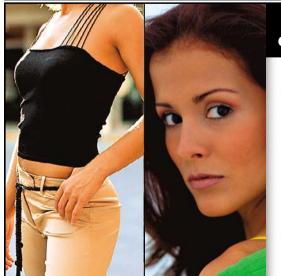
BEYONCE earned a leading six nominations for the 2007 BET Awards, including nominations for top female R&B artist, video for "Irreplaceable" and duets with Jay-Z on "Deja Vu" and "Upgrade U." Jennifer Hudson, Ciara, Akon and Gnarls Barkley all had three nominations. The Black Entertainment Television Awards in music, television, film and sports will be presented June 26. (AP)

COLLAPSE

Total Moral Degradation Of China Nearly Complete

christina aguilera will perform June 26 at Shanghai's Grand Stage, host to performances by the Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton and the Black Eyed Peas. Aguilera's sexy act apparently didn't faze China's cultural officials, who told the Rolling Stones not to sing some of their racier hits and canceled a performance by Jay-Z after deeming the rapper's lyrics "vulgar." (AP)





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puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section every Monday through Saturday.

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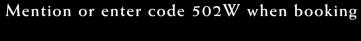
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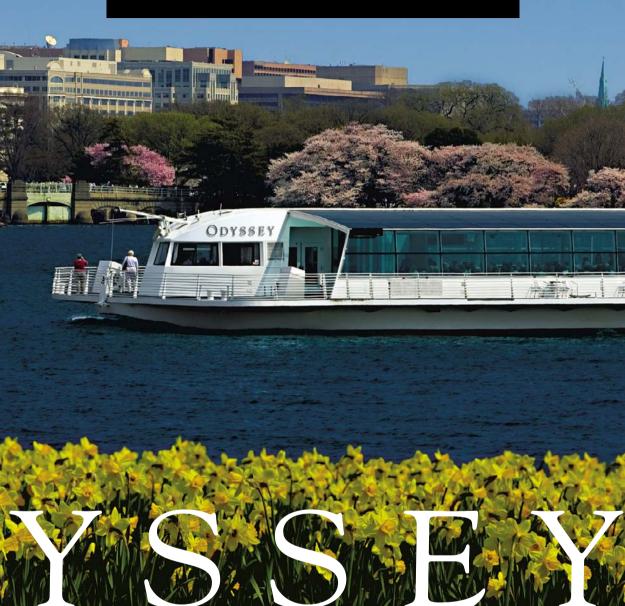
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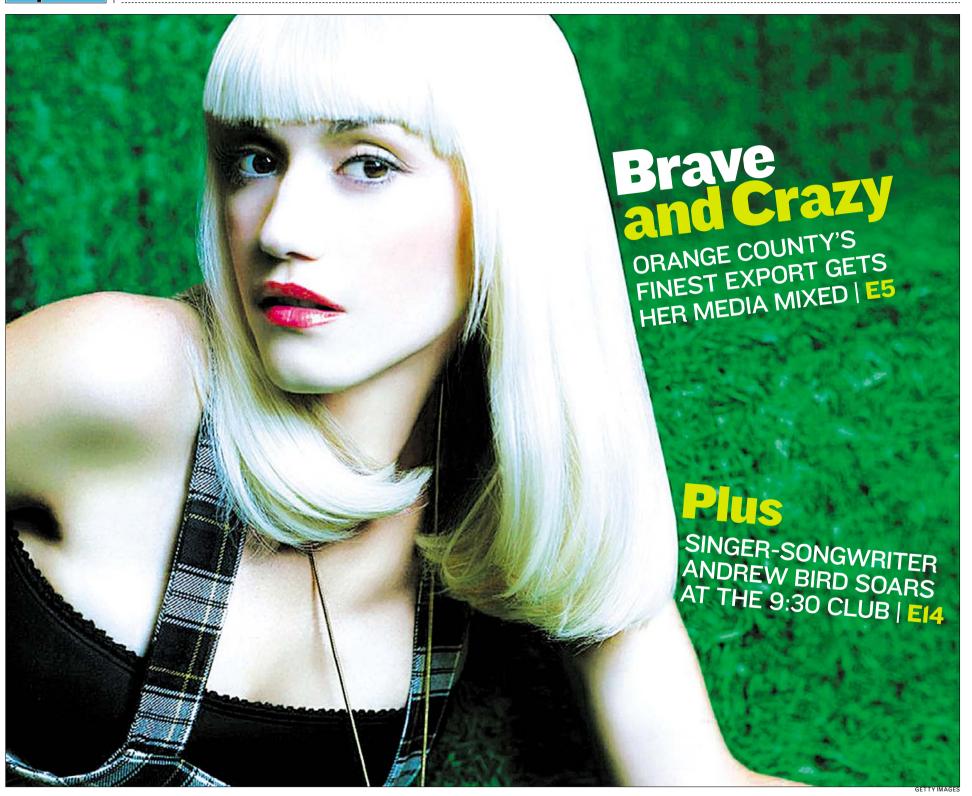
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[on the]Spot

NAME: Jennifer Burgess
GIG: Director of "The Flu Season"
at Catalyst Theater

A DOCTOR, A NURSE, two mental patients and a pair of feuding narrators (named Prologue and Epilogue) are charged with navigating the surreal storyline in Will Eno's "The Flu Season" as it details the patients' oddball romance in addition to the playwright's own tortured creative process. Burgess talked about creativity, her admiration for Eno and the narrators' confrontational relationship with the audience.

What would you say "The Flu Season" is about?

I can quote Prologue and say it's a "chronicle of love and no love, time and entry-level psychology." So, that's what he thinks it's about. I think it's the story of a creative process — both the creation of love when we fall in love and fall out of love. And also the writer's creative process.

What drew you to the play?

Ellen Young, who plays the nurse, actually found the play at a bookstore, picked it up, read it and brought it to the company, and they decided to produce it. I actually read "The Flu Season" back when I was working in the literary office of the Woolly Mammoth Theatre and fell in love with it.

I had gone to see "Thom Pain (Based on Nothing)" and had just been hoping to find a way to do Thom Pain. And then Catalyst, with whom I've had a long relationship, called me up to do this play.

So, did you know which way you wanted to treat the play?

Other than a take I had on Prologue and Epilogue, not necessarily. That was something we worked through



PROCESS: Ghillian Porter and Dan Via as "Woman" and "Man" in "Flu Season."

with designers and something I had to dig into and discover. It's a very dense little piece, and there are a lot of different ways it can be done, and it's been done a lot of different ways in the short amount of time it's been out on the market.

Talk about Prologue and Epilogue and the dimension they add.

Prologue is the writer himself in

the process of creating the story. He begins the play not knowing where it will go, just where it begins — hence Prologue. And then Epilogue is coming back to the piece several years later and revising it.

Prologue and Epilogue often confront the audience directly. What do you want from the crowd? My hope is that Prologue and Epi"It's the story of a creative process — the creation of love when we fall in love and fall out of love."

logue's relationship with the audience is one that is confrontational, but not in a way that is aggressive or threatening.

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'Peter and Wendy' takes an international approach to fantasy

MUSIC | The story of Peter Pan told with East Asian puppets and set to Celtic music initially sounds odd.

But "Peter and Wendy." Mabou Mines' adaptation of J.M. Barrie's classic story, is a visual treat in the hands of the avant-garde theater company. The Obie Award-winner comes to Arena Stage's Kreeger Theatre through late June.

Narrated by the astonishingly talented Karen Kandel, the show appeals to the inner child with its artistic and often humorous telling of the Peter Pan story. Kandel takes on all of the myriad characters' voices; watching her play both sides of a conversation is dizzying.



NO STRINGS: Lee Breuer, director of Mabou Mines' "Peter and Wendy," with Hook.

All the key elements of the Peter Pan story are present, although some are tweaked. Peter loses his shadow. Wendy acts as his moth-

er. Kandel does an impressive job reverting from the manipulative and rascally Peter's brogue to the naive Wendy's innocence.

Captain Cook obsesses over Peter and being "classy." The crocodile still stalks Cook, but has a bit of a Spanish Pepe Le Pew feel as he snaps his choppers to a tango beat. In fact, between the croc and Nana, the Darling's canine nurse, the animal scenes in "Peter and Wendy" are some of the most clever, which is saying a lot.

Tving together the story is the music, which includes a lovely harp and the singing of Susan McKeown. The ethereal songs frame the story well and add to the production's fantastical elements.

It's a classic children's story aimed at adults who appreciate art and beauty. Erin trompeter

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GIRLS ON THE VERGE: Gwen Stefani and her posse of bad, bad Harajuku girls really know how to bring down the house. Not to mention, they rock a mean pleated skirt.

Escape Plan

Gwen Stefani keeps fans dancing with her solo sophomore effort

MUSIC | "Don't know what I'm doing back in the studio/Getting greedy 'cause he said he had another sick flow," sings Gwen Stefani at the beginning of "Orange County Girl," an autobiographical track from her sophomore solo effort, "The Sweet Escape."

Stefani, sometime multiplatinum blonde frontwoman of ska-pop band No Doubt, implies somewhat self-mockingly that her chief inspiration to record the album was the prospect of duplicating the commercial success of "Love.Angel.Music.Babv" and its strange, stomping single "Hollaback Girl," which was co-written by Pharrell Williams.

But on her first solo release, Ste-

fani managed to establish herself as a credible artist while creating what was arguably the most interesting commercial pop album of 2004. Mission far from accomplished. On "The Sweet Escape," Stefani has settled into the solo artist format, finds her comfort zone and takes far more risks. The album's opening track and first single, "Wind It Up," is, well, bananas, with a showcase of her various elastic vocal styles, including yodeling, melodic singing and syncopated rapping, over Williams' unlikely backing track, which contrasts bass-heavy club beats with orchestrated samples from "The Sound of Music's" "The Lonely Goatherd." (She has cited the 1965 feel-good musical as her favorite movie, and as anyone who couldn't get away from "Rich Girl," a single off "L.A.M.B.," knows, the girl has a thing for fusty musicals.)

Stefani's style has always been

completely her own, so it's no surprise that her solo material works best when she trusts her instincts. which are odd by most mainstream pop stars' measures. (Well, not Missy Elliott's, but that's another

It's no surprise that her solo material works best when she trusts her instincts.

story.) She likes, for example, to surround herself with a phalanx of producers, a move befitting a record heavy on the dance-popinfluenced backing tracks such as "L.A.M.B." But "The Sweet Escape" backs away from the legwarmers and turns toward a more modern,

spare and skittish set of dancefloor beats - it's cold where her first solo foray was en fuego.

One exception is the closing track, "Wonderful Life," which features a spooky synth line and dark, atmospheric guitars provided by none other than Depeche Mode's Martin Gore. Tony Kanal, Stefani's No Doubt bandmate and much publicized ex-boyfriend, provides versatile production for two of the album's highlights, the bizarre "Don't Get It Twisted," which sounds like a sinister reggae-themed carnival rave party — we've all been to those - and the more straightforward bubblegum track "Fluorescent."

The album's title track, which benefits from an upbeat hook that lives next door to OutKast's "Hey Ya," was co-written by and features a cameo performance from singer/ rapper Akon, who, along with British hip-hop artist Lady Sovereign, will open for Stefani on Thursday night's stop at the Nissan Pavilion. Greg re

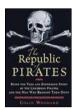
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Dio's Neo Knights

Heaven and Hell isn't just Black Sabbath by another name

MUSIC | When most people think of Black Sabbath, they think of the Ozzy Osbourne-fronted band of the 1960s and '70s that was responsible for doom anthems like "Paranoid" and "Iron Man." But Sabbath didn't call it quits after Ozzy went solo; they recruited former Rainbow vocalist Ronnie James Dio and subsequently released "Heaven and Hell," arguably one of the best heavy metal albums of all time.

Dio's thick, expressive voice gave the band more options for musical

exploration than did Ozzy's somewhat thin, banshee-like wail; as a result, the band sounded more fresh and enthusiastic than it had in years. It released only a handful of albums before Dio left to form his own band. In 1997, Black Sabbath made headlines when it announced it would tour with Osbourne for the first time in 18 years, and then spent the better part of a decade headlining the annual Ozzfest tour, its set list packed with Ozzy-era hits becoming more predictable each year.

Last fall, Sabbath delighted fans by announcing plans to reunite with Ronnie James under the moniker Heaven and Hell. "They're going to call it Sabbath, anyway; doesn't



AS ABOVE, SO BELOW: H&H is heaven for both Sabbath fans and fans of metal screamer Ronnie James Dio, third from left.

really matter, you know," explained Dio in an interview with Artisan News Service. "We can call it Heaven and Hell, you know, or the Boys on the Block."

The tour, awkwardly billed as "Heaven and Hell featuring Ronnie James Dio, Tony Iommi, Geezer Butler and Vinny Appice," makes a stop on Friday at the Merriweather Pavilion and features a lengthy set list from the Dio heyday. A compilation titled "Black Sabbath: The Dio Years," with three new songs, arrives with a similar splash.

That's a lot of band names to juggle, but guitarist Iommi acklowledges that the title change clued fans in to the fact that they shouldn't expect to hear double-O songs. "Everyone knows it's Black Sabbath," Iommi told the Arizona Republic. "And no one is shouting out for 'Paranoid'." GREG RE

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The Two Faces of Janus

One film distribution company brought the art flick to America

FILM | Imagine a world without Jean Renoir films. Scary, huh? Now blot Ingmar Bergman off the map. Black out Akira Kurosawa's face, erase Francois Truffaut, send Max Ophuls to the cornfield. Carl Dreyer, Jean Cocteau, Kon Ichikawa, Nicolas Roeg, Federico Fellini — all vanish in a puff of smoke. Sure, you won't collapse from a steady diet of Michael Bay and Tom Shadyac, but the world is a better place — and at once smaller and infinitely larger - thanks to Janus Films.

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Bergman's sensual "Summer With Monika" influenced later filmmakers.

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Going Swimming!

Laura Veirs rides the waves of success with her thinky indie rock

MUSIC | Laura Veirs is taking a stroll, avoiding barking dogs, chatting on the phone. You can imagine the brainy indie singer-songwriter starring in her own movie, at the center of which is a montage, only semi parodic: She turns her face to the sun, steps neatly around the doggie, accepts a proffered ice cream cone and tucks the phone under her blond waves

The Seattle-based Veirs comes by her good humor honestly. She is smart and literary, and motored by a solid melodic sense: there's nothing wispy or self-conscious about her lush, hooky and knowing songs. Her connection to nature is another

prominent aspect of her music. The new album on Nonesuch, "Saltbreakers," has more nautical motifs than the dining room at the Rusty Scupper, and like the sea itself, the album is a beautiful, compelling thing with a powerful undertow.

Veirs, who'll bring her band formerly the indily named Tortured Souls, currently the Saltbreakers to Iota on Friday, grew up in Colorado, an old hand at a young age at camping, hiking and getting out.

"I don't have a sentimental view of nature," she said. "I know nature can be very powerful as well as rewarding and fulfilling. I don't have a sentimental view of anything, really. ... I love to talk about beauty, but I also love to talk about darkness and the beauty of the underground, things happening beneath the surface."

Time spent in a Minnesota punk



CONFRONTATIONAL IN PINK: Veirs looks to nature for much of her inspiration.

band helped focus Veirs' relationship to music. Punk influences aren't explicit in her current work, but the idiosyncrasy is more the style of a DIYer than a crowd-pleaser. What she learned was "There's no support for artists in this culture; there's no funding. You're going to have to do it yourself and stick it out and that, I think, is why we have so many great artists."

Part of doing that was coming up with a less distracting band name. When asked whether the lineup had changed or things were looking up, Veirs laughed. "We did not change the lineup. I got tired of people asking, 'Who's the most tortured?' ... I came up with 'Saltbreakers' for the album title and we ended up using that for the band. It's a uniting thing. We're becoming more united, I think." Then she spins on her heel, you imagine, and plucks a blossom from a branch. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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Rap's Symphonic Side

With 'Paint Factory.' **Darin Atwater turns** hip-hop classical

MUSIC | Lots of people complain about derogatory imagery in hiphop. But not everyone has a platform from which to address the issue.

Darin Atwater, composer-in-residence with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, has the conductor's podium. From it, he confronts hiphop stereotypes with "Paint Factory."

Atwater's hip-hop symphony will receive its world premiere Friday at Strathmore, as the composer leads the BSO artistic affiliate Soulful Symphony. The 75-member orchestra will be joined by the dancers of Soul Movement and the rappers of M.E.P.

"Part of my mission as a composer is really to take the music of our culture, the vernacular of America, and elevate it," Atwater said. "I started with spirituals, I've done some jazz. I've done some gospel as well. So, I looked to hip-



COLORS OF SOUND: Atwater, at the podium, links hip-hop to tints and other themes.

hop as the next trajectory for me to explore."

A onetime Tribe Called Quest fan, Atwater had been away from hip-hop for some time. "When I readdressed the genre, I was really shocked at where we had progressed to," he admitted. "[I'm] really trying to recontextualize the art form myself and get back to that whole lyrical presence that it had back in the late '80s and [early] '90s."

As a conservatory-trained composer, though, Atwater had no qualms about going back even further to grasp the music's future, modeling "Paint Factory" on the oratorios of Bach.

Atwater also felt no need to remain within the cloister of music. The movements of "Paint

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gospel as well. So, I looked to hip-hop as the next trajectory."

DARIN ATWATER, COMPOSER

Factory" are keyed to colors, some of them allegorically linked to the Seven Deadly Sins, others to more aspirational motifs.

"The color orange is dealing with passion," Atwater explained. "And we're talking about 'What were you born for?' 'What would you die for?' 'What do you love?" GLENN DIXON

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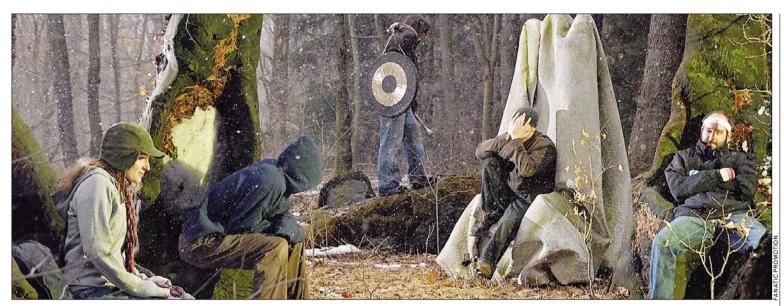
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Blissed Demeanors

Black Moth Super Rainbow is totally trippin' — on life

MUSIC | Black Moth Super Rainbow's new Graveface release is titled "Dandelion Gum." Tracks such as "When the Sun Grows on Your Tongue,""Lollipopsichord" and "Neon Syrup for the Cemetery Sisters" blossom with flutelike analog synth lines and drip with vocodered vocals oozing lyrics that cozy up to spring, sunlight and candy in a variety of consciousness-expanding flavors.

So, when you learn that the mas-

termind behind BMSR's lysergic triptronica goes by the nom de rock "Tobacco," you're thinking, "Right. And those 'water pipes' they used to advertise on WHFS really were 'smoking accessories."

"A lot of people who use drugs on a regular basis seem to be really into the record," Tobacco said. "And I get a lot of people at shows who come up to us after the show and they're, like, 'Omigod, like, you guys, like, fellow users - this is amazing.'

"But, honestly, we're not. I'm completely dispelling the myth about us," he continued.

Given the musical evidence, the crowd at DC9 Saturday may find this tough to swallow. "I didn't wanna let that out," Tobacco confessed. "I think a lot of people had built us up as a drug icon. I think maybe it'll just come off better if people know the truth, that we're not at all."

In fact, Tobacco doesn't think he and his comrades - bassist and Atari adept Power Pill Fist, keyboardists Father Hummingbird and the Seven Fields of Aphelion, and drummer Iffernaut — could craft mind-bending tunes if they actually were tripping.

"I don't know if this is really arrogant of me to say," Tobacco ventured, "but I think that people who really use a lot and make music aren't exactly the most organized, together people that are able to maybe arrange stuff as intricately as it needs to be arranged. I think that maybe the best way to make drug music is to not be a drug user. I don't know."

Still, Tobacco doesn't deny that Black Moth is deeply psychedelic. "Dandelion Gum" isn't so much a collection of pop songs as it is a kaleidoscopic place you go when you put your headphones on. GLENN DIXON

→ DC9, 1940 9th St. NW; with Gena Rowlands Band, Laura Burhenn, Sat., \$8; 202-483-5000. (USt.-Cardozo)

Pash Doubles Its Fun

Area indie-rockers get a boost from some '80s sitcom starlets

MUSIC | Get ready for the greatest sentence ever written in English: "We are on the Mary-Kate and Ashley Web site for a battle of the bands. Please vote for us!!" The "we" being Fredericksburg indie-rockers Pash, who play D.C. on Sunday and who in no way resemble the bubblegum pop one would expect fans of the Olsen Twins to get giddy about.

So how did this cosmic improbability occur? Pash guitarist Erik Bruner-Yang credits Mer Munoz, his co-guitarist and vocalist. "Being an '80s geek, she checks their Web site sometimes. They posted that they were having a battle of the bands. So, we made their top 10



Fredericksburg indie-rock band Pash has a crush on the Olsen twins. Aww.

list." Now the twins (or their flunkies) are posting Pash tour dates, interviews and hype for the band's forthcoming second album, "The Best Gun." That means Pash could be the next Fall Out Boy or Hilary Duff. Hmm.

Bruner-Yang is supported by the rhythm section of Ryan McLaughlin and Jon Bibb. Then there's the frontwoman who's not afraid to bash out power chords. "Mer was a singersongwriter at school. She liked That Dog and Elastica and female-fronted bands. But we both really liked the Dismemberment Plan and that's how everything got going."

So, the band enlisted producer Jason Caddell, formerly of the Plan, to help craft the new record. Caddell coached them to make their parts cohere instead of compete. The resulting songs will get a final polish on the road. "I'm the last one to finish college," says Bruner-Yang. "I graduate on Saturday, and then the next day we go on tour." BOB MASSEY

→ Warehouse, 1017 7th St. NW; Sat. 9:30 p.m., 202-783-3933. (Mt. Vernon Square)

GALLERIES | OH, THAT JAN AND IAN



PARODY THIS: The D.C. Arts Center mounts a retrospective of the works of Ian and Jan, leading proponents of the Washington Body School, the performance-art-driven experimental movement that you've never heard of because it didn't exist. Local artists Jeffry Cudlin and Meg Mitchell stage an "art historical intervention" just for the Color Field Remix project.



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Box Office Underdog

Michael Bay tries to make a blockbuster of a movie comeback

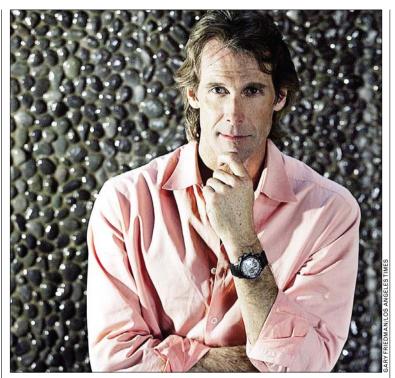
TOYS R US | In "Transformers," the concept is simple. Any innocuous thing can morph into an alienwhupping killing machine.

Director Michael Bay has undergone his own transformation, and while it's hardly as dramatic as what happens in his new movie, his turnabout does suggest that he is about to have a much sunnier summer than his last time around.

When Bay previously was put-

ting the finishing touches on a summer movie, he wasn't having that grand a time. The year was 2005 and the movie was "The Island." Bay was battling with DreamWorks over the movie's advertising campaign, but the ads were only part of the problem. Moviegoers didn't know what the movie's title meant, and the \$125 million dystopian drama was opening on the heels of three box-office hits: "Wedding Crashers," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "Fantastic Four."

But Bay jumped into another huge summer movie. He didn't have a screenplay or a cast, but a



KING OF SUMMER: Michael Bay stumbled with "The Island," but he's not out yet.

July 4 release date had been set and it was looming. He wasn't all that familiar with Hasbro's Transformers toys. And he knew he would be following massive sequels to "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Spider-Man" and "Shrek."

But Bay believed he could make a "Transformers" movie work. "I just thought," he said, "it could be something new and different that I could do well."

It was a certainty he didn't always feel. "My friends would say, 'Why are you doing that movie? Is it animation? Is it a cartoon?' They didn't get it."

Bay envisioned "Transformers" as a live-action spectacle loaded with visual effects. It's about Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf), whose dad (Kevin Dunn) buys him a 1977 Camaro. The car leads a double life. When an alien Transformer attacks a U.S. military base in Qatar, an intergalactic war between the good Autobots and not-so-nice Deceptions is launched. Before long, Witwicky and what his car turns into are drawn into an epic battle.

Bay thinks the film is no easy sell. "We are still the underdogs," he says. "Big time." JOHN HORN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

Spider-Man 3

Overlong, visually incoherent, meanspirited and often plain awful, this sequel is a tangled web of overkill and self-indulgence. Ann hornaday

28 Weeks Later

An experience for the smart part of your brain as well as its more reptilian corners; enjoy the aesthetic qualities of this horror sequel as you cringe pleasurably. Desson Thomson

3 Georgia Rule

Just what we need least: a warm family comedy about child molestation, combining battleship actresses, falldown-go-boom comedy and Lindsay Lohan's cleavage. ANN HORNADAY

4 Disturbia

Despite going down a seemingly predictable road, this thriller takes enough turns to keep you guessing until nearly the end. JOHN MAYNARD

Delta Farce A comedy about three blue-collar



STEEL MAGNOLIAS: Felicity Huffman and Jane Fonda star in "Georgia Rule."

guys accidentally sent to fight in Irag. For some reason, this Larry the Cable Guy comedy was not screened for crit-

6 Fracture

The good part about this OK Ryan Gosling-Anthony Hopkins thriller is that you won't notice how cheesy it is until the heartburn from the popcorn has eased. STEPHEN HUNTER

The Invisible

This story about a student whose ghost tries to save his life stretches our credibility to wafer thinness. DESSON THOMSON

8 Next

Nicolas Cage makes a fascinatingly haunted antihero as a magician who can foretell his future, but there's no escaping this action flick's hackneyed storyline. DESSON THOMSON

Hot Fuzz

This comedy deploys the same mix of genre conventions, slapstick and British humor that made "Shaun of the Dead" such a romp. ANN HORNADAY

• Meet the Robinsons

This animated feature is a delightful story about an orphan who is whisked into a futuristic world, ANN HORNADAY

Indies&Arties

Really Beginning Art History

If you tell the kids you're taking them to "Getting to Know Leonardo and Monet," they might ask you whether "Monet" is the fifth Ninja Turtle. But perservere! This animated documentary is based on Mike Venezia's "Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists" book series and connects the artistic geniuses as visionaries and technicians. A family activity sheet helps your hopped-onfine-art kid explore Leo's and Manny's works in the West Building.

→ NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, 600 CONSTI-TUTION AVE. NW; FRI.-SUN., FREE; 202-842-6799. (ARCHIVES-NAVY MEMORIAL)

Iranian Classic Cinema

On Friday, Columbia University professor Hamid Dabashi will introduce "The Runner," one of contemporary Iranian cinema's most compelling products. Amir Naderi's poetic but gritty semi-autobiographical 1985 movie follows a young boy whose world is destroyed by war as he tries to determine his own fate. Dabashi will also be available to sign copies of his book, "Masters and Masterpieces of Iranian Cinema.



Posey is distressed but well-dressed as the title character in "Fay Grim."

→ FREER GALLERY OF ART, 1050 INDEPEN-DENCE AVE. SW; 2 P.M., FREE; 202-633-4880. (SMITHSONIAN)

'Fay Grim'

Picking up where his 1997 film "Henry Fool" left off, Hal Hartley's "Fay Grim" plunges the audience into another side of the life of mild-mannered Simon Grim and drifter Henry Fool. Henry has disappeared; Fay Grim (Parker Posey), Simon's sister, is a single mom and Simon's in prison. That's where the CIA comes in. Fay is sent to pick up some of Henry's belongings and finds herself in a web of intrigue.

→ LANDMARK E STREET CINEMA, 555 IITH ST. NW; OPENS FRI.; 202-452-7672. (METRO CENTER)

Out of the Woods

Andrew Bird takes flight from isolation on his latest release

MUSIC | Andrew Bird describes his life as being divided between "extreme periods of isolation and insane bursts of social activity."

Certainly the former situation comes to mind when he recorded his 2003 masterpiece, "Weather Systems," inside a recluse barn in northwest Illinois. "I would go for days without talking or seeing anyone," he says.

That intense seclusion enabled Bird to create his own fascinating sonic universe, thick with Birdian oddities such as distinguished spectral violins and loops, rustic drums, jangly guitar and his lonesome singing.

"It helped me figure out what I really wanted to say," he explains. "When I worked in that barn, I pretty much got up, went for a walk,



SOUNDING BOARD: The eclectic Andrew Bird emerges from the comfort of his barn to hear what noises people have to offer.

drank coffee, made an omelet and got complete immersed, where I was only following my whims and not listening to anyone else's music or thinking about what other people want to hear."

For his newest disc, "Armchair Apocyrpha" Bird only used that barn to record environmental sounds. The bulk of it was recorded in Minneapolis' Crazy Beast Studios. Compared to "Weather Systems" and 2005's "The Mysterious Production of Eggs," his newest disc sounds less hermetic, which is partially due to it's a wider cast of supporting musicians.

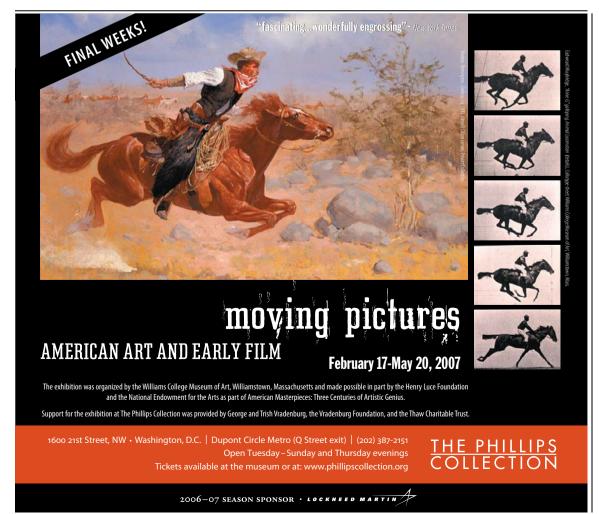
"I'm coming out of a four-year period of self-isolation, playing solo and controlling everything. I'm getting back into playing with other musicians. This is a much more extroverted record than previous records," he says.

For such a self-contained musician, known for rocking the stage, accompanied by just loops and drummer Martin Dosh, Bird is also readjusting to touring with an actual band.

"Adding bass and guitar is a challenging thing because it begs us to want to be a four-piece rock band, instead of me trying to control it all. The sound has gotten a lot bigger.

"But," he adds, "do we really want to be like another big rock band? Or do we want to be this sort of subtle, nuanced, textured thing? The answer is kind of both." JOHN MURPH

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with Joan as Police Woman, Sun., 8 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930. (USt.-Cardozo)



LIVE ROCK | BON VOYAGE



WAS IT SOMETHING WE SAID? Seattle's energetic post-punk darlings Pretty Girls Make Graves are vowing that Sunday's Black Cat show will be their last in D.C. — evah! No, we have not alienated this high-voltage quartet — drummer Nick DeWitt quit the band and so it's going out with a bang or three on what will surely be a freaktacular goodbye tour.

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→THURSDAY

Apex: "College Night," DJ Randy White, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., \$5, free with college ID.

Bangkok Blues: Songwriters Association of Washington, 7:30 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Be Bar: "Pink" (indie-pop and electro beats), 9 p.m., free.

Birchmere: Elliot Yamin, Josh Hoge, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

Black Cat: Mando Diao, Pop Levi, the Films. 8 n.m., \$12.

Blues Alley: Mike Stern, Dennis Chambers, Victor Wooten, 8 & IO p.m., \$37.75.

Crossroads: DJ Majestic (dancehall and hip-hop), IO p.m., \$20, ladies free before If n.m. with pass at crossroadsclub.com.

DC9: The Nunchucks. The New Bock Church of Fire, 9 p.m., \$8.

Iota: Timothy Bracken Complex, Grammar Debate, Seldon Plan, 9 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Joe Lally, Don Zientara, 7:30 p.m., \$10.

Kennedy Center, Concert Hall: NSO:

Lang Lang (piano) performs Tchaikovsky, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80.

Love: College Night, 9 p.m., \$20, free before IO p.m. (I8 and over), free before II:30 p.m. (2I and over) with pass from lovetheclub.com.

Mirrors: "Phat Thursdays," 9 p.m., \$10 for men, ladies free.

9:30 Club: Son Volt, the High Strung, 7:30 p.m., \$20.

Nissan Pavilion: Gwen Stefani, Akon. Lady Sovereign, 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$69.50.

The Red & the Black: Foreign Press, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Ladytron, DJ Cale, DJ Ca\$\$idy, 9 p.m., \$15.

State Theatre: Dark Star Orchestra. 8 p.m., \$24.

Strathmore: "Songs for a New World," 8 p.m., \$21-\$50.

Twins Jazz: The Keith Wesby Group, 8 p.m, \$10-\$30.

Velvet Lounge: Prisoners Dilemma. Northern Aggression, Alexis George, Sarah Pinsker & the Stalking Horse,

Zanzibar: "Carribean Riddimz" feat, Ladv Flame, Cheryl Gilbreath, 6 p.m., \$10.

→ FRIDAY

Apex: "Ultimate Dance Party" with DJ Joe Gauthreaux, VJ Mark Hawkins, 9 p.m., \$9.

STAGE | FINAL FANTASY



DREAMLAND: A mere 60 years from now, playwright Chris Stezin posits, humans will be able to transplant heads onto bodies. In fact, his scary and thoughtful new play, "Sleeping and Waking," being staged by Charter Theatre at Arlington's Theatre on the Run, goes into the ramifications of this procedure in regards to selfhood, science and the soul.

MUSIC | AROUND THE WAY



GROOVY: The Black Cat revs it up for the locals on Saturday night with a D.C.-centric show. The lineup features art-poppers These United States, above; raunch-meisters Death by Sexy; and headliners Let's French, whose post-nuclear bop has knife-sharp seams and a broken heart.

Bangkok Blues: Never Too Late, 7 p.m., Mike Lapadula & the Lost Souls, 10 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Be Bar: "Be: rewind" ('80s & '90s mixes),

Birchmere: The Avett Brothers, The Everybodyfields, 7:30 p.m., \$20.

Black Cat: KRS-One, Emoni Fela, 9 p.m., \$20. "Crap: Bad music on Purpose" feat. DJs Trent, Yum Yum, 9:30 p.m., \$5 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Mike Stern, Dennis Chambers, Richard Bona, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.75. Bohemian Caverns: The Young Lions,

10:30 p.m., \$10-\$20.

Crossroads: "Escape" (happy hour and dance party), 5 p.m., \$15 before II p.m., \$20 after

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$5. Iota: Laura Viers, Saltbreakers, Lake,

9:30 p.m., \$12.

Jammin' Java: Shane Hines and the Trance, Moon Hostage Rebellion, Kill the Alarm. 8 n.m., \$12.

Jaxx: Jackyl, Evick, The Gypsy Sons, 8 p.m., \$ 20 (adv.), \$23 (door).

Kennedy Center, Concert Hall: NSO: Lang Lang (piano) performs Tchaikovsky, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80.

Kennedy Center. Millennium Stage: The Peiffer Ensemble, 6 p.m., free.

Kennedy Center, Terrace Theater: American Fine Arts Festival & Washington Youth Chamber Orchestra, 7:30 p.m.,

Love: Mick Boogie DJ Set, 8 p.m., \$20. McGinty's Public House: 2U (U2 cover band), II p.m., \$5.

Merriweather Post Pavilion: Heaven and Hell, Megadeth, Machine Head, 7 p.m., \$29.50-\$49.50.

Mirrors: Lissen Band, 7 p.m., \$20 for men, ladies free before 8 p.m., \$15 after.

9:30 Club: Elvis Costello and the Imposters, 8 p.m., sold out.

The Red & the Black: The Dice. 9:30 n.m. \$5.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Afrofunk Forum. Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band, DJ Thick w/ Cheick Hamala Diabate, 9 p.m., \$10. "Disco City" w/ Chris Burns, Maxmillion Dunbar, 9:30 p.m., free.

State Theatre: Dickey Betts & Great Southern, Todd Wolfe, 9 p.m., \$30.

Strathmore: BSO: Soulful Symphony, Paint Factory, 8 p.m., \$25-\$55.

The Warehouse: Edie Sedgwick,, the Andalusians, the Ardennes, 9:30 p.m., \$6-\$9

Twins Jazz: Orrin Evans Trio feat. Tim Warfield, 9 & II p.m., \$20.

Velvet Lounge: Two if by Sea, Hail Social, Vita Ruins, Coyote Bones, 8 p.m., \$5-\$10. Zanzibar: Fresh Fete Friday, 6 p.m., \$25-\$30.

→ SATURDAY

Apex: "Apex Follies," drag show hosted by Kristina Kelly, VJ Mark Hawkins, 9 p.m.,

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Apex: 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505. Bangkok Blues: 926 W. Broad St., Falls Church; 703-534-0095.

Be Bar: 1318 9th St. NW: 202-232-7450. Birchmere Music Hall: 3701 Mt Vernon Ave., Alexandria: 703-549-7500. Black Cat: 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-

Blues Alley: 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.

Bohemian Caverns: 2001 IIth St. NW; 202-299-0801.

Crossroads: 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.: 301-927-1056.

DC9: 1940 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000. Galaxy Hut: 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646.

Iota Club & Café: 2832 Wilson Blvd. Arlington: 703-522-8340.

Jammin' Java: 227 Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-255-1566.

Jaxx: 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; 703-569-5940.

Kennedy Center: 2700 F St. NW; 800-

444-1324.

Love: 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030

McGinty's Public House: 911 Ellsworth Drive, Silver Spring; 301-587-1270.

Merriweather Post Pavilion: 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md.: 410-715-5550.

Mirrors: 33 New York Ave. NE; 202-326-0774.

9:30 Club: 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930

Nissan Pavilion: 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow, Va.: 703-754-6400.

The Red & the Black: 1212 H St. NE; 202-399-3201.

Rock and Roll Hotel: 1353 H St. NE; 202-388-7625.

State Theatre: 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church: 703-237-0300.

Strathmore Music Center: 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Bethesda: 301-581-5100.

Twins Jazz: 1344 U St. NW; 202-234-0072.

Velvet Lounge: 915 U St. NW; 202-462-3213.

Zanzibar: 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-

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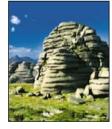
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TheScene

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Bangkok Blues: Wildman, 7 p.m., Rick Sickman Band, 10:30 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Be Bar: "Be: x & pulse" (electronica, projections, fashion & art performance), 6 p.m., free.

Birchmere: Suede, 7:30 p.m., \$29.50.

Black Cat: Let's french, These United
States, Death by Sexy, 9 p.m., \$10. "Right
Round" ('80s alt-pop) feat. DJ Lil' e,
9:30 p.m., \$6 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Mike Stern, Dennis Chambers, Richard Bona, 8 & 10 p.m., \$37.75.

Bohemian Caverns: The Craig Alston Quartet, 9 p.m., \$10-\$20.

Crossroads: "Energy" featuring DJ Superslice, DJ Chick, IO p.m., \$20.

DC9: Gena Rowlands Band, Laura Burnhenn, Black Moth Super Rainbow, 9 p.m.,

Galaxy Hut: Hott Beat, Big Digits, 9 p.m.,

Iota: No Second Troy, Jealousy Curve, Copper Sails, 9 p.m., \$10. Slaid Cleaves, 3 p.m., \$15.

Jammin' Java: Yosi, II a.m., \$10. Free Money, Kenmore, Time Tells All, I p.m., \$8. Margot MacDonald, Adam Swink, 7 p.m., \$10. Pepper's Ghost, Anthony Fiasco and the Blackjacks, Saturn Down,

Jaxx: Summer Slaughter Showdown, 3:30 p.m., \$10 (adv.), \$12 (door).

9:30 p.m., \$10.

Kennedy Center, Concert Hall: NSO: Lang Lang (piano) performs Tchaikovsky, 7 p.m., \$20-\$80.

Kennedy Center, Family Theater: NSO Teddy Bear Concert: "More Tunes 'n'

Tales", I & 3 p.m., \$15. **Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage:**

NSO: "Remembering Rostropovich,"

6 p.m., free.

Love: Nick Cannon DJ Set, 8 p.m., \$20. McGinty's Public House: Jah Works, 10 p.m., \$5.

Merriweather Post Pavilion: Seal, 8 p.m., \$40-\$75.

Mirrors: Grown & Sexy Saturdays, 9 p.m.,

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1 & 3:30 p.m., \$15.

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The Red & the Black: High Fives, Happy Endings, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Coliseum, Young Widows, Hot Cross, Prideswallower, Pvgmylush, Kinda Panda, 4 p.m., \$10. The Brazilian Girls (DJ set), DJ Ca\$\$idy, DJ Austin, 9:30 p.m., \$10, free before IO p.m.

State Theatre: Grace Potter & the Nocturnals, 9 p.m., \$15.

Strathmore: BSO: Leon Fisher (piano) performs Mozart, 8 p.m., \$43.

Twins Jazz: Orrin Evans Trio feat. Tim Warfield, 9 & II p.m., \$20.

The Warehouse: Five Four, the Vita Ruins, The Object Lessons, 9:30 p.m., \$6-\$9.

Zanzibar: Third World, 9 p.m., \$25 (adv.), \$30 (door).

→ SUNDAY

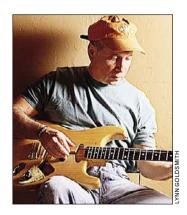
Bangkok Blues: Blues Jam with the Meteors, 8 p.m., free,

Be Bar: "Park," (hip-hop and R&B), 9 p.m., free

Birchmere: Shawn Mullins, Storyhill, 7:30 p.m., \$17.50.

Black Cat: Pretty Girls Make Graves,

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Water Works:

Eve Zibart takes you on a visit to three small-town beach getaways. And what's new at the Delmarva beaches. | Cover

→ Also, Paul Simon receives the first Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song.

Moonrats, Call Me Lightning, 8 p.m., \$13. Blues Alley: Mike Stern, Dennis Chambers, Richard Bona, 8 & IO p.m., \$37.75.

Crossroads: Dancehall Sunday with Jason Steele, IO p.m., \$20.

DC9: Awol One, Josh Martinez, Minus + One & DJ Hapa, Math Panda, 9 p.m., \$8.

Galaxy Hut: American Altitude, Begushkin, 9 p.m., \$5.

Iota: Thad Crockrell, Robin Wynn, 8:30 p.m., \$12.

Jammin' Java: Second Wind Bandits. 2:30 p.m., \$10. The Michael Fath Group, 7:30 p.m., \$15.

Jaxx: Madison Apart, Kenmore, Starlit Eves, 4:15 p.m., \$10 (adv.), \$12 (door).

Kennedy Center, Concert Hall: Such

GALLERIES | BEFORE YOUR EYES



COME AND GONE: New York photographer Barbara Probst grabs a moment, then she grabs it again. It all adds up to "Exposures," an exhibition at G Fine Art of her sparklingly clear images that capture fleeting scenes.

Sweet Thunder w/ Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, 8 p.m., \$20-

Kennedy Center, Family Theater: NSO Kinderkonzert: "Fiddlin' Around,"

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage:

The Levine School of Music, 6 p.m., free. 9:30 Club: Andrew Bird, Joan as Police

Woman, 9 p.m., sold out. The Red and the Black: Floating Stone,

Strathmore: Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra, 2 p.m., \$18.

The Warehouse: Problems, Pash, Girl Loves Distortion, 9:30 n.m., \$6-\$9.

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Among the first restauranteurs to embrace the trend locally were David and Staci Gedney, the chef and pastry chef, respectively, and owners of Apartment 2G in Front Royal, Va. Former employees at the Inn at Little Washington, the husband-and-wife pair opened their fine-dining nook in 2004 in what had been a cooking school, rigged with closed-circuit TVs in the corners of every room. The couple intended to dismantle them, but diners protested. In customers' eyes, the Gedneys at work in their narrow, charming kitchen makes for good TV. (MM)

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Jill Erber of Del Ray's Cheesetique has never fallen for a locally made cheese. Until recently. She (and some local Whole Foods Markets) discovered Diane Kirsch of Cherry Glen Farms, who makes artisanal, small-batch goat cheeses. Kirsch also raises award-winning goats on a 58-acre farm in Boyds, Md., and recently built an in-house cheese factory for making chèvre, but it's her Monocacy line, named for the nearby river, that aims to please aficionadoes.

So far, Kirsch makes Monocacy Gold — a dense, mushroomy, highacid cheese - and Silver, which is fresh-tasting and creamy. Her third selection, the Monocacy Ash, is coated with plant material, which balances the acidic goats' milk. Should you pick up a sliver and are willing to let it age, gauge the stages of ripeness by its creamy outside and its chalky interior. Melissa McCart (express)

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Alliance Française: "New Abstracts by Michele de la Meardiere," through June 20. 2142 Wyoming Ave. NW; francedc.org. American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery: "Gifts to the Nation." through June 3. "Sal Steinberg: Illumina-

tions," through June 24. "Passing Time: The Art of William Christenberry," through July 8. "Temple of Invention: History of a National Landmark," the construction of "the noblest of Washington's buildings." through July 8. "The Presidency and the Cold War," through July 8. "Great Britons: Treasures from the National Portrait Gallery, London," through Sept. 3. "Harry Benson: Being There," the photojournalist's portraits of entertainers, athletes and world leaders, through Sept. 3. "The Prints of Sean Scully," a selection of 55 of the artist's block-motif works acquired by the museum in 2001, opens Fri., through Oct. 8. "Portraits of Sandra Day O'Connor," through Oct. 8. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-I000, www.npg.si.edu.

American Institute for Architecture:

"America's Favorite Architecture," through July 13. 1735 New York Ave. NW; 202-626-7300, aia.org.

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ARTIST MARY COBLE knows how to make an entrance. On the opening night of her new Conner Contemporary exhibit, "Aversion," the artist will attach electrodes to her body in a simulation of the horrific aversion therapy technique to which numerous gay men and lesbians were subjected until as recently as 1973. A video narrative of people who underwent this sadistic form of "treatment" recounting their experiences brings home how common the therapy was for gays and lesbians and how little scientists understood the workings of human sexuality. Coble's performance also touches on thorny current questions about torture, mistreatment of minorities and how a culture approaches a segment of its populcae that makes it uncomfortable. Those who can't make it to the live perfomance can watch a webcast of it at www.connercontem $porary.com/webcast. {\it Conner Contemporary Art, 1730 Connecticut}$ Ave. NW; opens Fri., performance 7 p.m., through June 30, 202-588-8750, connercontemporary.com. Arion berger (express)

timeline of photographs by Hasan Elahi tracking his daily life after false reports that he was a terriorist surfaced shortly after Sept. II. "Out There Is in Here." new paintings by Nailay Lawson, through June 9. 406 7th St. NW, 3rd floor; 202-607-

Conner Contemporary Art: "Aversin," Mary Coble returns with an outraging and (literally) shocking new video- and performance-based show that exposes the trauma of "aversion therapy" to which gay and leshians were subjected for decades. opens Fri., through June 30. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW: 202-588-8750

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Senior Thesis Exhibition," through May 27. "Modernism: Designing a New World 1914-1939." a comprehensive survey of how the 20thcentury movement changed everything from graphics to home interiors to product design, architecture and, of course, art, through July 29, "Masterpieces:

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Cross Mackenzie Ceramic Arts:

"Bowled Over," a group show, opens Fri., through June 15. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-333-7970, crossmackenzieceramicart

Curator's Office: "Remembrancer," by using three robotic arms to gather data from local and Internet sources, artist Alberto Gaitán creates a media proiect piece that will be complete only at the end of the exhibition's run, through May 26. I5I5 I4th St. NW, Suite 20I; 202-387-1008, curatorsoffice.com.

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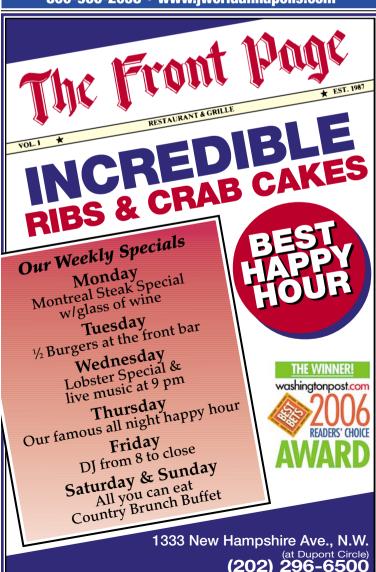
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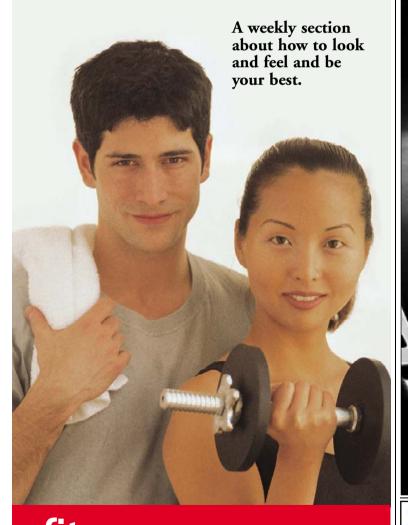
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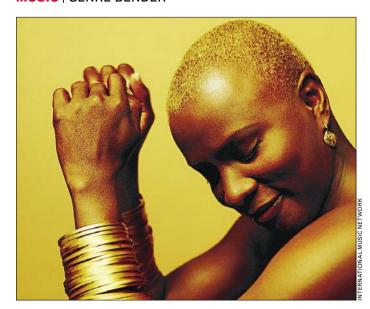
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MIX & MINGLE: Produced by Tony Visconti and featuring a posse of heavy-hitters, Angelique Kidjo's new album brings together African traditions, American pop and European classical music under the generous umbrella of Kidjo's beautiful voice. She's at the Lisner Auditorium on Thursday.

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District of Columbia Arts Center:

"lan and Jan: The Undiscovered Duo — A Secret History of the Washington Body School," Jeffry Cudlin and Meg Mitchell punk the D.C. art world with a send-up installation featuring very real art centered around a mythical movement, through June 3. 2438 I8th St. NW; 202-462-7833, www.dcartscenter.org.

District Fine Arts: "Places and Things," abstract paintings by Gene Markowski, through May 26. I726 Wisconsin Ave.

NW: 202-328-9100. dfaonline.com.

The Dome in Rosslyn: "Bodies ... The Exhibition," the touring display showcases a revolutionary preservation of human tissue, bones, muscles, nerves, blood vessels and organs, through Oct. I8. IIOI Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 800-263-4379.

Dumbarton House: "The Jewel of Georgetown: Dumbarton House Celebrates Seventy-Five Years," an exhibition documenting the restoration of the building and gardens, through Dec. 29; \$5. 2715 Q St. NW; 202-337-2288, dumbartonhouse.org.

Flashpoint: "Penumbra," collaborative multimedia work by Megan Jacobs and Anna Westfall, who use glass, porcelain, video, ice and light to explore the nature of memory, through June 2. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310, flashpointdc.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "Shakespeare in American Life," depictions of how Shakespeare's works and legends have reflected the growth and culture of the United States, through Aug. 18. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

Foundry Gallery: "Figure, Line, & Symbol: Solo Exhibition of Moira Catherine Ferrier," through May 27, 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundry-gallery.org.

Fraser Gallery: New work by contemporary Cuban artists Sandra Ramos and Aimée García Marrero, through June 2. 7700 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 30I-7I8-965I, thefrasergallery.com.

Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Daoism and the Arts of China," through June IO. "Parades: Freer Ceramics Installed by Gwyn Hanssen Pigott," through Nov. 4. Jefferson Drive & I2th Street SW; 202-633-4880, www.asia.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE G Fine Art: "Exposures," new photographic work by Barbara Probst that explores the same moment captured at different angles, through Sat. I5I5 I4th St. NW; 202-462-I6OI, gfineart.com.

Galerie Myrtis: "Laurie Monblatt: Recent Works," abstract paintings inspired by nature, through June 30. 500 9th St. SE; 202-548-7575, galeriemyrtis.com.

Gallery Neptune: "Urban Color," new paintings by John Aquilino, through May 26. 4808 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.

Gallery Plan B: "Myanmar Contemporary Art," through June I7, 2007. I530 I4th St. NW; 202-234-27II, galleryplanb.com.

Gogo Art Projects: "The Kudzu Project," Matthew Sutton's installation of the voracious, fast-growing vine changes

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daily, through Aug. I. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW, 2nd floor; 202-588-8777, gogoartprojects.com.

Goethe-Institute Washington: "Gute Aussichten," moving photographs from German graduate photography students, through June 29. 8I2 7th St. NW; 202-33I-0590, www.goethe.de/ins/us/was/ en20750I0.htm.

Hair Lounge Salon: Artist Joel Traylor's bold abstract paintings hang in a. yes, beauty salon/art gallery, through July 31. 2201 Wisconsin Ave. NW; hairloungesalon.com.

Heliport Gallery: "20901, 20902, 20903, 20904, 20906, 20910 Silver Spring Art," a collection of local artists, through June 22, 8001 Kennett St., Silver Spring: 301-562-1400

Hemphill Fine Arts: "Leon Berkowitz: The Cathedral Series," "Jason Gubbitotti: Wrong Way to Paradise." "Portia Munson: Pink Project: Contained," three artists out their spins on the Color Field with dramatic stripe-paintings, flat perspec-



Man's Newest **Best Friend**

FOR THE REASONABLE and unfounded fears swirling around robot culture, we have the Japanese to thank. To this end, the Smithsonian Resident Associates host a discussion, "Robots, Science, Technology: Japan Creates the Future." At this eye-opening roundtable, journalist Tim Hornyak, Dr. Mamoru Mohri, executive director of the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation in Tokyo; and robot creator and founder of Robo Garage, Tomotaka Takahashi, will let vou in on some secrets about what's next for our mechanical friends. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m, \$20-\$45; 202-357-3030, residentassociates.org. Arion berger (express)

gil Marti and Pae White" through July 29. "Wolfgang Tillmans," a major survey of the German artist's groundbreaking work in photography, video and installations, through Aug. I2. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org. The Japanese Information and Cul-

ings, through July 26. "Directions - Vir-

ture Center: "To Life and the Future: Japanese Heart From Edo to Today," contemporary ukiyo-e artist Mari Mihashi's delicate work, through June 8. Lafayette Center, II55 2Ist St. NW; 202-238-6949.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Handala and the Cartoons of Naiu Al-Ali." the slain Palestinian cartoonist's scathing critiques, opens Fri. with a presentation by Dr. Fayeq Oweis, through Aug. 3l. 2425 Virgina Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerus alemfund.org.gallerv.

Katzen Arts Center: "AU Art Department: Student Exhibitions," through May 27, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW: 202-885-2787, american.edu/museum.

Library of Congress: "On the Cutting Edge: Contemporary Japanese Prints." the latest prints, including a diverse col-Continued on page E26

tives and a mass collection of various pink, plastic everyday objects, through May 26, 1515 14th St. NW: 202-234-5601. hemphillfinearts.com.

Hillver Art Space: "Washington Color School: Selections from the Artery Collection," featuring the leading lights of that local arts movement - Gene Davis, Willem de Looper, Anne Truitt, Alma Thomas. Howard Mehring, Thomas Downing and Paul Reed, through June 22, "Renewal: Printmakers From the New Northern Ire-

land," through July 20. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org. Hirshhorn Museum: "Ways of Seeing: John Baldessari Explores the Collection." Baldessari's installation unearths surprising works from the museum's hold-

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lection of woodcuts and calligraphy, through June 30. "A Century of Creativity: The MacDowell Colony 1907-2007," music manuscripts and first editions from residents of this early American artists' colony, through Aug. 18. IOI lst St. SE; 202-707-8000, loc.gov/exhibits.

Long View Gallery: "Suspended Animation," Alan Rubin's paintings of people caught in moments fraught with tension and ambiguity, through June 2. I302 9th St. NW; 202-232-4788. www.longviewgallery.com.

Marsha Mateyka Gallery: "Sam Gilliam: New Work," the Washington artist's ongoing studies in abstract dimensional painting, opening reception Sat., 4-7 p.m., through July 2I. 20I2 R St. NW; 202-328-0088, marshamateykagallery.com.

National Air and Space Museum:

"Treasures of American History," many of the National Museum of American History's choicest items — from Dorothy's ruby slippers to Jacqueline Kennedy's inaugural ball gown — find a temporary home, ongoing. 6th Street and Independence Avenue, 202-633-1000, www.nasm.si.edu.

National Archives: A special exhibit of photographs relating to Queen Elizabeth II's visit includes Annie Leibowitz's portrait of the queen, through May 31. The Archives will also exhibit photographs in conjunction with the Shakespeare in Washington festival, through May 31. "School House to White House." a family-friendly collection of photos and documents from the childhoods of U.S. presidents, through Jan. I. 2008. "The Charters of Freedom," "A New World Is at Hand," "The Public Vaults," the Magna Carta and other treasures, ongoing, Constitution Avenue between 7th & 9th streets NW; 202-357-5300, www.archives.gov.

National Building Museum: "The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design," through June 30. "Reinventing the Globe: A Shakespearean Theater for the 2lst Century," through Aug. 27. "Washington: Symbol and City," ongoing. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent

collection, ongoing. 40I F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art: "States and Variations: Prints by Jasper Johns," through Oct. 28. "Fabulous Journeys and Faraway Places: Travels on Paper, I450–I700," opens Sun., through Sept. I6. "Private Treasures: Four Centuries of European Master Drawings," opens Sun., through Sept. I6. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360, www.nga.gov.

National Geographic Museum:

"National Geographic MAPS: Tools for Adventure," a kid-friendly interactive exhibit about maps, charts and navigation, July 29, "Photo Camp 2006: Uganda," a powerful and moving series of photographs taken by young people, ages 12-20, of life in a Ugandan refugee camp. through Sept. 3. "Zakouma, Elephant Crisis in Chad," photographs by Michael Nichols show the extremes conservationists must go to in order to protect the last surviving Central African elephants from poachers. The exhibit is accompanied by evewitness text from National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence J. Michael Fav. through Sept. 3, 17th and M streets NW: 202-857-7588

National Library of Medicine: Selections from permanent collections, ongoing. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-496-6308, www.nlm.nib.gov.

National Museum of African Art:

"African Vision: The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection," through Sept. 7, 2008. "Resonance From the Past," African sculpture from the New Orleans Museum of Art, ongoing. "Body of Evidence," contemporary African artists use the body, ongoing. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, www.nmafa.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "Identity by Design: Tradition, Change, and Celebration in Native Women's Dresses," explores the cultural expressions and artistic identity weaved into a collection of traditional dresses and accessories by various tribes of the American Indian, through Jan. 2, 2008. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-6985

National Museum of Health and Medicine: Selections from permanent collections, ongoing. 6900 Georgia Ave. NW, AFIP, Building 54; 202-782-220, nmhm.washingtondc.museum.



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May 18 6:30-9:30 pm, Open Mike Night co-sponsored with Sub-Continental Drift, at the International Student House. All performers are encouraged to participate. 1825 R Street NW. FREE, rsvp requested. Followed by a dance party with DJ V:shal Kanwar Spinning at Club Agua Ardiente. Email rsvp@dakshina.org.

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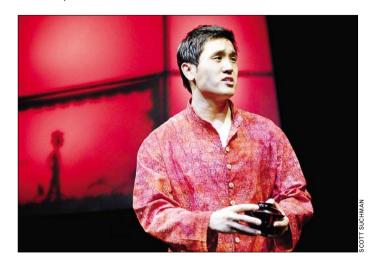
National Museum of Natural History:

"Shore to Ship: The Enduring Plant Discoveries of the U.S. Exploring Expedition," the annual Charles Wilkes exhibit will examine thousands of artifacts collected from the world's coastlines, through June 3. "Orchids: Take a Walk on the Wild Side," a fount of information about orchids and a large number of "naturalistic" displays of the plants. "Transitions: Photographs by Robert Creamer," through June 24, 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW: 202-633-1000, www.mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the

Arts: "Italian Women Artists from Renaissance to Baroque," a collection of paintings, drawings and sculpture by such artists as Artemisia Gentileschi, Lavinia Fontana and Elisbetta Sirani, through July 15. "The National Museum of Women in the Arts at 20: Selections From the Archives," photographs, original posters and historical objects as well as paintings from the permanent collection tell the museum's story, through Dec.

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National Portrait Gallery: "Portraits of Sandra Day O'Connor," in honor of Women's History Month, images of the first female associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, through Oct. 8. 8th and F streets NW: 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

National Postal Museum: "Trailblazers & Trendsetters: The Art of the Stamp,"

through Oct. 3. "Out of the Mails," examples of the resourceful ways Revolutionary War-era citizens found to circumvent regular mail channels, ongoing, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-633-5500, www.postalmuseum.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE Phillips Collection:

"Moving Pictures: American Art and Early Film," an exploration of the history of film experiments and how they inspired contemporary painting, through May 20. "Lyrical Color: Morris Louis, Gene Davis, Kenneth Noland and the Washington Color School," through July 29. I600 2Ist St. NW; 800-55I-7328, phillipscollection.org.

Prada Gallery: "La Revelacion," works by the local artist Antiono Ugarte, opening reception Thu., 6:30-9 p.m., through July 17. "Lou Stovall," Color Field works from the celebrated Washington artists: "Carmen Jahaloves." both through July. 1030 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-342-0067, nradagallery.com.

Project 4: "Navigable Zones," a site-specific work by Puerto Rican artist Nayda Collazo-Llorens about identity and duality, through June 16, 903 U St. NW: 202-

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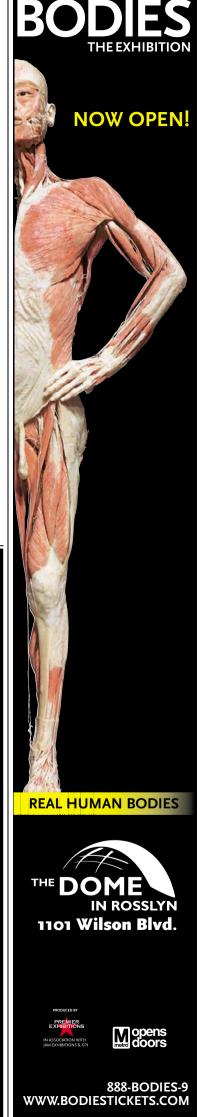
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ART FOR AND BY ALL: The Washington Project for the Arts/Corcoran alliance is in the process of mounting a huge project — monthlong shows that will run until January showcasing the work of member artists. A new exhibit in the "9x10" series (that's nine shows by 10 member artists each) opens on Friday at the William W. Parker Gallery at 629 New York Ave. NW.

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232-4340. project4gallery.com.

Pyramid Atlantic Art Center: "Fieldwork: Placing Space in the Colorfield Remix." new work that features modernday imaginary geometries, through June 9. 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-608-9101, pyramidatlanticartcenter.org.

LAST CHANCE Randall Scott Gallery: "The Living Room: A Marriage of Contemporary Art and Modern Furniture." through Sat. I326 I4th St. NW; 202-332-0806, randallscottgallery.com.

Renwick Gallery: "From the Ground Up: Craft Invitational 2007," the Renwick hosts an eclectic and decidedly uncrafts fair group of artists in glass, ceramics and paper, through July 22. 17th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000. www.americanart.si.edu

Shigeko Bork Mu Project: "Meditation Rooms." Japanese tradition and modern life meet in the work of Yumi Kori and Shinji Turner-Yamamoto, through June 16. 1521 Wisconsin Ave. NW, #2; 202-333-4119, muproject.com.

Sixth & I Historic Synagogue: "Roman

Vishiac's Berlin," Jewish life in Berlin in the 1920s and '30s, through June 27. 600 I St. NW; 202-408-3100, sixthandi.org. Textile Museum: "Red," the meaning, uses and history of the primary color, through July 8. "Architecural Textiles: Tent Bands of Central Asia," bands that go beyond their utilitarian function, through

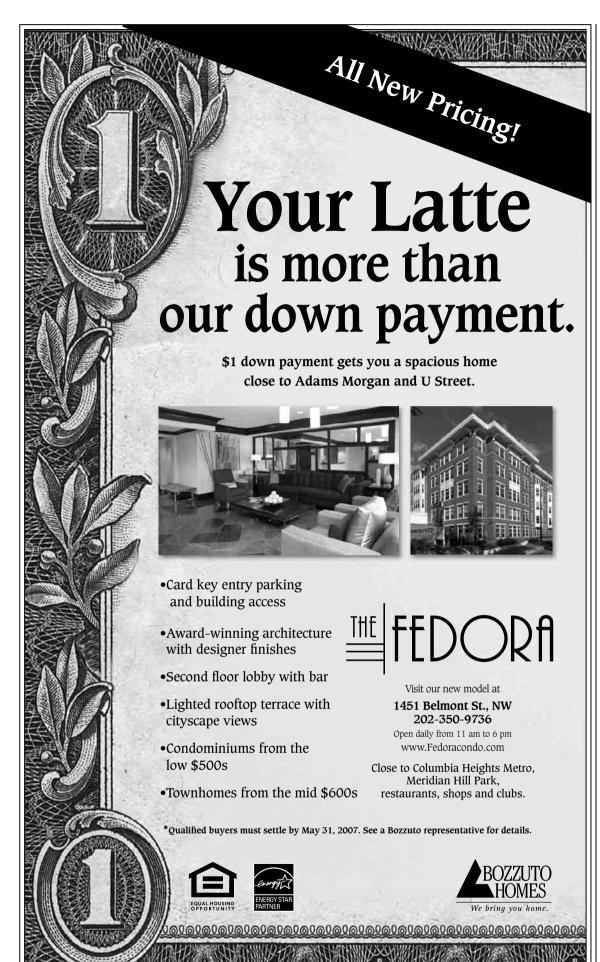
Transfomer Gallery: "Not Only A, But Also B," this group exhibition by contemporary Japanese artists is half of the joint project "Big in Japan" with the Shigeko Bork Mu Project, through June 26. I404 P St. NW; 202-483-II02, transformergallery.org.

Aug. 19. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441,

textilemuseum.org.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Shore to Ship: Discoveries of the U.S. Exploring Expedition," through June 3. "Nature's Barcodes," documenting the progress of a joint project to develop DNA-based genetic "bar codes" for plants, through June IO. "Double Take: Photography by Keith Sharp," silver gelatin prints "growing" in the Garden's beds, through July 8. 100 Maryland Ave. SW: 202-225-8333. www.usbg.gov.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Syzygy: Serigraphs by Andis Applewhite," through May 27. 1732 Connecticut



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Zenith Gallery: "What Remains: the American Landscape," Bradley Stevens' portraits of a changing country, through June 24, 413 7th St. NW: 202-783-2963. zenithgallery.com.

Stage

13 Rue de L'Amour: Fevdeau at his most farcical, slamming doors, erotic liaisons. mistaken identities and all, through June 10, \$25-\$36. Olney Theater Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road., Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

Amor al Aire Libre (Love in the Open

Air): Teatro de la Luna presents this romance in Spanish with English surtitles, through June 2. Gunston Arts Center, Theatre Two, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington: 703-548-3092.

LAST CHANCE Animal Farm: George

Orwell's parable about communism comes to the stage with the help of music, movement and dance, through Sun., \$30-\$35. Rosslyn Spectrum, I6II North Kent St., Rosslyn; 703-824-8060.

Blue/Orange: Jeremy Skidmore directs this Theatre Alliance production of Joe Penhall's play that revolves around a man in a London psychiatric hospital who claims to be the son of an African dictator, through June IO, \$36. H Street Playhouse, I365 H St. NE: 866-811-4111. theatrealliance.com.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY DanceSmith:

The D.C. troupe celebrates its new position as Atlas' resident performing dance company, Fri.-Sun., \$25-\$35. Atlas Performing Arts Center.

Either/Or: An SS officer is moved by his conscience to alert the Vatican about Holocaust atrocities in the powerful play. Theater J, I529 I6th St. NW; 202-777-3230

SATURDAY ONLY The Facts of Life:

The Lost Episode: An extremely raunchy send-up of the beloved '80s sitcom, 7 & IO p.m., \$20. IO2I 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933, warehousetheater.com.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Christian

Finnegan: The comedian from "Chanpelle's Show," VHI's "Best Week Ever" and "I Love the '80s," through Sun., \$15-\$17. The Improv, II40 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-296-7008.

Flu Season: Catalyst Theater Company stages Will Eno's odd, brainy play about the fine lines between truth and fiction, beginnings and endings, madness and creativity, storytelling and living, through June 2. \$10. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th ST. SE; 800-494-8497, catalysttheater.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Friends.net:

The Imagination Stage Dance Ensemble in a student production about dangers in the wired world, Fri.-Sun., \$10. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

SATURDAY ONLY Great Big International Drag King Show: Girls will be boys at this intersection of burlesque, music and performance, 8 p.m., \$25.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 800-955-5566,

I Am My Own Wife: This one-man play about a German transvestite who outwits and outdresses the Nazis won both a Tony and a Pulitzer, through May 27, \$36-\$46. Olney Theatre Center for the Arts,

2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney,

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TRIPPY: Sandra Ramos' forlorn, powerful images of isolation and bodily harm speak to concerns both personal and political. Her work is at the Fraser Gallery, along with paintings by fellow Havana native Garcia Marrero.

Md.; 30I-924-3400.

In On It: Theater Alliance stages Daniel McIvor's comedy about the adventures of "This One." and "That One." two lovers who are either heaven-sent or destructive devils, through May 27, \$26. H Street Playhouse, I365 H St., NE; 866-811-4111.

Jenufa: Leos Janácek's grim and affecting opera has been restored after almost a century of bowdlerized productions. through May 24, \$45-\$300. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org

Macbeth: The Washington National Opera's season ends with this emotional bulldozer of an opera, one of Verdi's finest, through June 2. \$45-\$300. Kennedy Center, 2700 F. St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org

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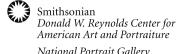
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LAST CHANCE A Man for All Seasons: The Keegan Theatre puts on Robert Bolt's historical drama. Saturday's final performance is dedicated to the memory of Reema Samaha, former West-

field High School Theatre student who died on April 16, \$20-\$25, Church Street Theater, I742 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

LAST CHANCE Meet John Doe: Eric Schaeffer directs this new musical based on the uplifting Frank Capra film, through Sun., \$25-\$52. Ford's Theatre, 5II IOth St. NW; 202-347-4833, fordstheatre.org.

Morning's at Seven: Paul Osborn's bittersweet slice of Americana, opens Fri., through June 10, \$13-\$18, Silver Spring Stage, Woodmoor Shopping Cen-

ter, Colesville Road & University Boulevard, Silver Spring; 30I-593-6036, ssstage.org.

The Musical of Musicals: The Musical!: Expect show tunes and lots of them in MetroStage's fond but incisive parody of, well, you know, through May 27, MetroStage, I20I N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044

Nest: The tragic 19th-century tale of the events surrounding the crime and death of Susanna Cox, the first woman to be hanged in Pennsylvania, through June 24. Signature Theatre, 2800 S. Stafford St., Arlington: 703-820-9771.

The New Kid: This story about a new student's struggles to fit in is performed in English and gibberish, through June 3, \$10-\$20. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660.

9x10: Monthly through January, nine shows by IO artists each from the Washington Project for the Arts/Corcoran.

opens Fri., through June 8, Mickelson's Fine Art Framing, 629 New York Ave. NW; wpaconline.org.

Opus: Washington Stage Guild mounts the American premiere of Michael Hollinger's play about shenanigans within a string quartet, through May 27, \$35-\$40. Arena Stage at I4th and T, I90I I4th St. NW; 240-582-0050, stageguild.org.

The Oracle: African Continuum Theatre stages Ed Shockley's uplifting play about an African princess' journey to understanding — with the help of some magical animals, through June 3, \$22-\$32. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NF: 202-399-7993, africancontinuum theatre com

SUNDAY ONLY Pas de Dirt: Professional dancers, ballet students and backhoes dance together in a Liz Lerman Dance Exchange work that explores the intersection of architecture, machinery and the human body, 2, 3 & 4 p.m., free.

National Building Museum, 40I F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

Peter and Wendy: Avant-garde theater group Mahou Mines stages a multicultural musical version of "Peter Pan" with puppets and live actors, through June 24, \$56-\$75. Arena Stage, IIOI 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300, arenastage.org.

LAST CHANCE Renaissance: Landless Theater Company's world premiere of a play about two Holocaust survivors' struggle for forgiveness, through Sat., \$18. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, landlesstheatre.org

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern: Tom Stoppard's absurdist masterpiece takes a couple of minor characters from "Hamlet" into the (talky, philosophical and very funny) stratosphere, through June 24, \$39-\$55. Studio Theatre, I50I I4th St. NW: 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

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LAST CHANCE 7x7: Shakespeare:

Seven world premieres of dances inspired by themes and ideas from Shakespeare's works, through Sun. The Washington Ballet England Studio Theater, 3515 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 800-551-7328, washingtonballet.org.

Sleeping & Waking: Charter Theatre mounts Chris Stezin's play, which explores issues of ethics and identity in a future in which it is possible to attach a human head to a donor body, through June 2, \$20-\$25. Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-892-0202.

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The Tempest: Aaron Posner directs
Shakespeare's last play, about magic,
family and the waning of power, through
June 17, \$25-\$33. Folger Theatre,
20I E. Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077,
folger.edu.

LAST CHANCE Titus Andronicus:

Shakespeare's powerful play about a family torn apart by murder and betrayal, through Sun, \$19-\$76.25. After Saturday's matinee, the STC hosts a "Classics in Context" discussion with artists and scholars, reserve seating at 202-547-II22. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-II22, shakespearedc.org.



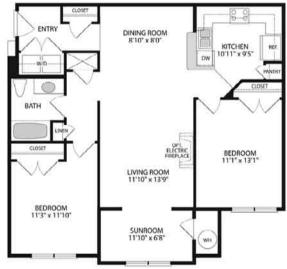
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